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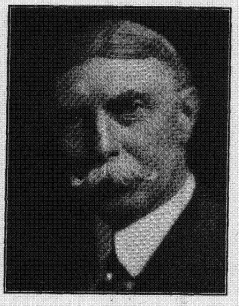

JOHN L. BURKART
Department Adjutant
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Eleventh Annual Encampment

OF THE

Department of Michigan

United Spanish War Veterans

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COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Wednesday, June 17, 1914.

The Council of Administration was called to order by Department Commander A. H. Gansser at 11:00 A. M., at the Hotel Ruhl, Jackson, Mich.

The Commander stated that no matter had come up during the year pertaining to various Camps, that had warranted calling a meeting of the Council of Administration. The work of the Department Officials during the past year had been principally that of re-construction and encouraging the Camps who were practically down and out, to get busy and strive to place their Camp on a sound basis.

Matters of general interest to the Camps were discussed and the program for the Encampment was outlined so as to facilitate the business of the Department and thus permit a maximum amount of time for the entertainment of the visiting comrades.

Upon motion the Council adjourned at 12:20 P. M.

GENERAL SESSION—JUNE 17, 1914.

The Encampment was called to order at 2:10 P. M., by Department Commander A. H. Gansser.

The Commander appointed Comrade Percy P. Moore, No. 19, Marshal Pro Tem.

Upon request of the Department Adjutant, Comrade Frank H. Presley was appointed Assistant Department Adjutant Pro Tem. and Official Stenographer during this Encampment.

The Colors were paraded by the Marshal.

Invocation by Commander A. H. Gansser, Acting Chaplain.

Upon the request of the Commander, General Order No. 5 was read by Department Adjutant, John L. Burkart.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.

Present: A. H. Gansser, Department Commander; William Allmand, S. V. Commander; John L. Burkart, Adjutant; Carl S. Sharpe, Assistant Quartermaster.

The Committee on Credentials asked for further time in which to make report, and upon motion of S. V. Department Commander William Allmand, the request was granted.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of the following committees:

To wait upon the Women's Relief Corps now in session at Jackson, Mich.:

		Camp.
Comrades	Frederick L. Eaton	No. 24.
	Oscar W. Achard	No. 24.
	Samuel H. Rhoads	No. 40.

Daughters of Veterans:

Comrades	Louis W. Kunze	No. 9.
	R. G. Spoor	No. 16.
	Percy P. Moore	No. 19.

Ladies' Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans:

Comrades	William J. Allmand	No. 5.
	Ambrose Tallmage	No. 22.
	John F. Atkinson	No. 10.

G. A. R. Encampment now in Session:

Dept. Comdr. A. H. Gansser.
S. V. Dept. Comdr. W. J. Allmand.
Comrades E. A. Finney ..... No 19.
R. G. Spoor ..... No. 16.
J. F. Atkinson ..... No. 10.

Auditing Committee:

Past Dept. Comdr. W. G. Ward ..... No. 31.
Comrades O. W. Achard ..... No. 24.
R. G. Spoor ..... No. 16.

Credentials Committee:

Dept. Adjutant John L. Burkart ..... No. 31.
Comrade Percy P. Moore ..... No. 19.
Asst. Dept. Q. M. Carl S Sharpe.

Committee on Resolutions:

Past Dept. Comdr, Fred R. Schmalzriedt..... No. 5.
Dept. Chief of Staff, Oscar E. Kilstrom..... No. 3.
S. V. Dept. Comdr., William G. Allmand ..... No. 5.
Jr. V. Dept. Comdr., George W. Trickey ..... No. 32.
Comrade Ambrose Talmage ..... No. 22.

On motion of Comrade George A. Dick, No. 5, the Encampment adjourned at 3:05 P. M., until Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock, June 18, 1914, to give the various committees an opportunity to meet and report.

THURSDAY—JUNE 18, 1914.

Morning Session.

Encampment called to order at 9:35 A. M., by the Department Commander at the Armory at Jackson, Mich.

The Commander appointed Comrade E. A. Finney, Camp No. 19, Acting Marshal.

The Colors were paraded by the Marshal.

Invocation by Department Commander in the absence of the Chaplain.

Roll call showed the following officers present: A. H. Gansser, Department Commander; William Allmand, Sr. Vice Dept. Comdr.; George W. Trickery, Jr. Vice Dept. Comdr.; Oscar E. Kilstrom, Dept. Chief of Staff; John L. Burkart, Dept. Adjutant; E. W. Minier, Dept. Inspector; Frank H. Blackman, Dept. Marshal; Fred R. Schmalzriedt, Dept. Historian; Carl S. Sharpe, Asst. Dept. Q. M.

The Committee on Credentials reported that 30 Camps were entitled to representation as follows: Genl. Lawton, No. 1; Guy V. Henry, No. 3; Hazen S. Pingree, No. 5; Seymour Howell, No. 6; Ross Granger, No. 7; John M. Guttman, No. 8; H. M. Duffield, No. 9; Detroit, No. 10; Arthur Heney, No. 14; Richard Westnidge, No. 16; Gilbert Wilkes (Naval), No. 17; Sanford Hunt, No. 19; A. J. Babcock, No. 20; S. A. Valentine, No. 21; Ben E. Rolph No. 22; Hannah, No. 23; Col. Schmidt, No. 24; J. Chas. Phillips, No. 25; George Miller, No. 28; Stensil Gillhooley, No. 29; J. C. Brown, No. 31; Chas. P. Wheeler, No. 32; H. F. Hugart, No. 34; George M. Hunt, No. 35; Col. Peterman, No. 36; S. M. Wheeler, No. 37; Holland, No. 38; Soldier's Home, No. 39; Major John C. Durst, No. 40; Muskegon, No. 41.

The Department Commander called Junior Vice Department Commander George W. Trickey to the Chair to enable Department Commander to wait upon the Encampment of the G. A. R., now in session.

Past Department Commander, William G. Ward, made the following motion:

"That the report of the Committee on Credentials be accepted and that same be left open."

Camrade George A. Dick, of Camp No. 5, offered the following amendment thereto:

"That the report of the Committee on Credentials be held open until 4:00 P. M., on June 18th."

After some discussion, Comrade Dick withdrew his amendment.

The question then being upon the adoption of the motion as made by Past Dept. Commander, W. G. Ward, the same was put to a vote and adopted.

The Marshal announced that a committee from the G. A. R., escorted by a committee from the U. S. W. V., awaited admission to the Encampment. Comrades J. F. Spillane, Seventh Mich.; H. C. Rankin, Ninth Mich.; Rust Crowman, Twentieth Mich. and John Russman, Twentieth Mich., were escorted to the Department Commander's station, welcomed with rousing cheers and seated. Addresses were made by each member of the Committee, expressing the hope that the two organizations whose aims and ideals were similar, would always meet in joint sessions and the cordial relations now existing would continue for all time. Commander Gansser replied in a very creditable manner and with a parting three cheers and a tiger for the G. A. R., the comrades retired.

Reports of Committees.

The Auditing Committee made the following report:

To the Eleventh Annual Department Encampment of Michigan, United Spanish War Veterans:

Your Auditing Committee would respectfully report that we have examined the books and records of the Department Adjutant and Quartermaster; have checked the records of receipts and disbursements, including those for supplies, and find the same correct as stated in the report of said officers and recommend their adoption.

Balance on hand	$56 01
Supplies	59 05

W. G. WARD,
R. G. SPOOR,
O. W. ACHARD.

Comrade Dick, of Pingree No. 5, moved that the report be adopted, printed and placed on file:

Motion prevailed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Department Adjutant Burkart's Report.

Headquarters, Dept. Mich., Office of Dept. Adjt.,
Big Rapids, June 15, 1914.

The Department Commander, Dept. Mich. U. S. W. V.:

Sir:—In compliance with Section 4, Article 7, Rules and Regulations of Department Encampments, I have the honor to herewith submit the annual report required of the Department Adjutant.

Despite the fact that various camps throughout the department have insisted upon their members paying their dues promptly and the consequent suspensions entailed by this business principle, our membership has increased slightly; the total standing being 1,357, as against 1,331, June 15, 1913.

The greatest gain in membership is accorded to H. M. Duffield, Camp No. 9, of Detroit, with 17 enlistments as of Dec. 31, 1913. In point of membership, Hazen S. Pingree, No. 5, Detroit, is first, with 140; Detroit Camp No. 10, second, with 132; H. M. Duffield, No. 9, Detroit, 104; Guy V. Henry, No. 3, of Grand Rapids, a close third, 103.

During the past year, the writer secured a ruling from National Headquarters, relative to members recruited after December 31 and June 30, respectively, of each year. Heretofore, those members did not receive the official organ, Spanish War Review, until the next semi-annual report was made. This method has always seemed unjust to the writer and a plain statement of the situation appealed to the sense of justice of the Adjutant General, who endorsed the opinion of the Dept. Adjutant of Michigan, and secured the ruling which appears in section 16, General Order No. 4, series 1913-14, this Department, April 10. The matter has not been clearly understood, I fear, by some of the camps, as supplemental lists of only two camps have been made. I would suggest, as a remedy for this entire question, that some system of descriptive and enlistment card be adopted, and that each camp be required to furnish this office with the name and date of enlistment within twenty-four hours after a recruit has been sworn in. This will, at all times, give the Dept. Adjutant's office a complete roster of all enlistments and enable him to report to National Headquarters a correct and advance list of the growth in membership.

I must again, though reluctantly, call attention to the evident lack of business methods prevailing throughout the camps in this Department. Notwithstanding the fact that the rules and regulations prescribe that the semi-annual report of camp adjutants and quartermasters be made in June and July of each year and that the notice of election of officers

and installment of same be furnished January 1st of each year, I regret to report that it has cost this Department nearly five dollars in postage to secure the information desired and, in several instances, no reports have been received up to the present date. The observance of strict business methods would materially increase the efficiency of this office and decrease the annoyance and expense consequent upon neglect of camp officers.

The writer feels that our organization is being appreciated; that the bond of union which should exist between our grand old Civil War Veterans and this organization is nearly completed. God grant that I may see the day when these two organizations, whose objects are identical, may stand hand in hand in the observation of all events pertaining to the patriotism of the past and present.

Membership.

Thirty camps are in good standing July 15, 1914. The aggregate membership 1,357, as against 1,331 in twenty-nine camps June 15, 1912.

Camps	Gain	Loss	Present
No. 1—Gen. Lawton, Bay City		2	70
No. 3—Guy V. Henry, Grand Rapids	15		103
No. 5—Hazen S. Pingree, Detroit		18	140
No. 6—Seymour Howell, Adrian			16
No. 7—Ross Granger, Ann Arbor			34
No. 8—John M. Guttman, Monroe	5		29
No. 9—H. M. Duffield, Detroit	17		104
No. 10—Detroit, Detroit	9		132
No. 14—Arthur Heney, Alpena			23
No. 16—Richard Westnidge, Kalamazoo	4		40
No. 17—Gilbert Wilkes (Naval), Detroit		3	95
No. 19—Sanford Hunt, Jackson	4		33
No. 20—A. J. Babcock, Flint	14		24
No. 21—S. A. Valentine, Escanaba		9	16
No. 22—B. E. Rolph, Coldwater	4		52
No. 23—Hannah, Traverse City		5	61
No. 24—Col. Schmidt, Saginaw		17	33
No. 25—J. Chas. Phillips, Port Huron			15
No. 28—Geo. Miller, Houghton		10	32
No. 29—Stensil Gilhooley, Manistee		1	19
No. 31—J. C. Brown, Big Rapids		1	41
No. 32—Chas. P. Wheeler, Three Rivers		2	17
No. 34—H. F. Hughart, Sault Ste. Marie			21
No. 35—Geo. M. Hunt, Owosso	2		27
No. 36—Col. Peterman, Calumet			36
No. 37—S. M. Wheeler, Marquette		3	10
No. 38—Holland, Holland	1		20
No. 39—Soldier's Home, Grand Rapids			41
No. 40—Major John C. Durst, Lansing		7	32
No. 41—Muskegon, Muskegon	10		42
	85	78	1,357

Receipts—General.

To balance on hand from Q. M., July 1, 1913	$2 00
Total receipts for tax, supplies, and all other sources	1,123 55
Total	$1,125 55

Receipts For Camp Tax, As Follows.

Camps	Tax	Supplies	Total.
No. 1	$53 30	$0 10	$53 40
No. 3	76 85	20 55	97 40
No. 5	113 40	26 60	140 00
No. 6	11 65	90	12 55
No. 7	24 45		24 45
No. 8	20 55		20 55
No. 9	66 80	7 00	73 80
No. 10	98 60	9 80	108 40
No. 14	17 25		17 25
No. 16	28 40		28 40
No. 17	71 25		71 25
No. 19	24 75	10 60	35 35
No. 20	12 40	5 20	17 60
No. 21	13 60	4 05	17 65
No. 22	39 70	85	40 55
No. 23	46 95	4 85	51 80
No. 24	31 55	6 95	38 50
No. 25	33 00	7 55	40 55
No. 28	28 00		28 00
No. 29	13 85	3 50	17 35
No. 31	30 75	2 35	33 10
No. 32	13 56		13 56
No. 34	15 75		15 75
No. 35	13 19	60	13 79
No. 36	27 00		27 00
No. 37	7 50	1 00	8 50
No. 38	15 00	30	15 30
No. 40	27 20	75	27 95
No. 41	29 90	1 50	31 40
			$1,121 15

Received from former administration	2 00
Refunded from A. G. on Tax and Supplies	2 40
	$1,125 55

Disbursements.

1913	Voucher	
Aug. 4—Adjutant General, per capita tax	196	$202 20
Aug. 23.—Adjutant General, per capita tax	197	41 10
Aug. 25.—John L. Burkart, postage and miscellaneous	198	17 35
Aug. 29.—Adjutant General, per capita tax	199	18 60
Oct. 6.—W. F. Slawson, printing	200	7 50
Oct. 6.—Adjutant General, supplies	201	6 10
Oct. 13.—Jos. M. Regan, printing	202	50 50
Oct. 18.—Adjutant General, per capita tax	203	58 20
Dec. 15.—Citizens Bank, Big Rapids, postage and miscel.	204	2 66
Dec. 18.—Miss F. Manley, stenographer	205	2 65
1914.		
Jan. 3.—Adjutant General, supplies	206	38 36
Jan. 3.—Adjutant General, per capita tax and postage	207	49 80
Jan. 20.—John L. Burkart, Dept. Adjt. salary, Jan. 1	208	48 75
Jan. 20.—W. F. Slawson, printing	209	12 00
Jan. 23.—Adjutant General, supplies	210	3 75
Feb. 2.—Adjutant General, per capita tax	211	167 70
Feb 2.—C. W. Barton, for bonds	212	5 00
Feb. 2.—John L. Burkart, expenses, Port Huron	213	11 00
Mar. 3.—Adjutant General, per capita tax	214	67 74
Mar. 9.—Adjutant General, supplies	215	10 80
Mar. 28.—Adjutant General, supplies	216	21 60
April 11.—Miss Freda Manly, stenographer	217	5 25
April 11.—Adjutant General, per capita tax	218	33 09
April 15.—Adjutant General, deficiency on req.		70
April 28.—Allen Printing Co, Lansing, printing	219	13 50
May 4.—Adjutant General, supplies	220	10 00
May 4.—W. F. Slawson, Big Rapids, printing	221	5 25
June 1.—Adjutant General, per capita tax	222	54 41
June 1.—Allen Printing Co., Lansing, printing	223	1 50
June 8.—J. L. McCormick, salary Dept. Q. M.	224	10 00
June 8.—John L. Burkart, salary Dept. Adjt., July 1	225	45 00
June 9.—Allen Printing Co., Lansing, printing	226	5 50
June 9.—I. P. Huyser, typewriting	227	3 00
June 9.—Adjutant General, supplies	228	15 20
June 9.—Adjutant General, per capita tax	229	13 28
June 11.—John L. Burkart, postage, express, telegraph and telephone	230	10 50
		$1,069 54

Summary.

Total receipts	$1,125 55
Disbursements	1,069 54
Balance on hand	$56 01
Cash value of supplies on hand	$59 05

TAPS.

During the past year the following named Comrades have answered the last roll call.

Comrade Clyde Easton, member of Muskegon Camp No. 41, died January 28, 1914, buried in Evergreen Cemetery, February 2, 1914.

Comrade Hans Johnson, member of Hannah Camp No. 23, died April 1, 1914.

Comrade Jas. B. Smullen, member of Ben E. Rolph Camp No. 22.

Comrade Edmund Edmonds.

Comrade Jesse Wagar.

Comrade Frank Launderville, member Camp No. 34, died June 6, 1914, buried with all honors, June 8, 1914.

While we bow our heads in grief over their absence we feel that

Some time, some day
Our eyes shall see
The faces kept in memory.

In conclusion, I would recommend that in future the Adjutant and Quartermaster be appointed from the same Camp, as the business is expedited by frequent conferences and the expenses curtailed on postage.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. L. BURKART,
Department Adjutant.

Moved by Comrade Rowe, of Pingree No. 5, supported by Comrade Falvey of Duffield, No. 9, that the Report of the Adjutant be received, accepted as read and published in the Proceedings of this Encampment and a vote of thanks be tendered Dr. Jno. L. Burkart for the excellent financial showing of the Department under his administration as Adjutant.

Carried.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER.

Bay City, Mich., June 16, 1914.

Department Commander, Officers and Members of the Michigan Department, U. S. W. V.:

Comrades:—At the time of submitting this, my report as Department Quartermaster, I wish to express my sincere regret that owing to business reasons that are insurmountable, I am unable to attend the department convention to meet again the loyal comrades who are giving much of their time and energy to build up and improve the condition of the department. I trust that the efforts of the officers of the department who have really made great sacrifices for the benefit of the department are appreciated by the members, and that the newly elected officers will equal if not surpass the accomplishments of the present officers. Understand, Comrades, that I do not claim that the office of Department Quartermaster involves any great sacrifice, or entitles the holder to any credit for the condition of the department. I assure you that it has given me great pleasure to perform the duties of the office under the appointment of the Department Commander, for which I wish to thank him, although the financial condition of the department has not been such as to allow any great portion of the funds to stick to my fingers.

I extend my sincere good wishes for a successful convention and a prosperous year for the department.

The method of receiving and disbursing the funds of the department during the past year has been for the Department Adjutant to receive remittances from the different camps for supplies and per capita tax and to deposit these amounts to my credit, as Quartermaster, in the Citizens State Bank, at Big Rapids, Michigan. Upon the deposit being made, a certified deposit slip was forwarded to me by the bank or Department Adjutant and the amount charged to me on my books as receipts of the department, no money, checks or drafts representing the money actually going through my hands. Disbursements have been made by my drawing the checks on this bank upon the regular order of the Department Adjutant countersigned by the Department Commander. These orders and the deposit slips mentioned accompany record book and form a part of the records of the quartermaster, all of the records being open to inspection by anyone desiring to make an inspection.

The receipts of the Department for the year just ended are:

From sale of supplies	$104 36
For per capita tax of Department and National Headquarters	967 95
Total receipts	$1,072 31
Disbursements	1,058 34
Balance on hand	$13 97

The receipts and disbursements are itemized as follows:

Receipts.

Balance on hand June 18	$2 00
Camp No. 31, tax on 41 members to Dec. 31, 1913	16 40
Camp No. 16, and No. 32, tax to Dec. 31, 1913	22 00
Camp No. 23, tax on 64 members to Dec. 31, 1913	25 60
Camp No. 10, tax on 131 members to Dec. 31, 1913	52 40
Camp No. 5, tax on 161 members to Dec. 31, 1913	64 40
Camp No. 19, tax on 33 members to Dec. 31, 1913	13 20
Camp No. 17, tax on 95 members to Dec. 31, 1913	38 00
Camp No. 10, supplies	1 80
Camp No. 41 and No. 14, tax to Dec. 31, 1913	24 40
Camp No. 9, tax on 76 members to Dec. 31, 1913	30 40
Camp No. 38, tax to Dec. 31, 1913	8 00
Camp No. 28, tax on 42 members to Dec. 31, 1913	16 80
Camp No. 21, tax on 20 members to Dec. 31, 1913	8 00
Camp No. 38, supplies	30
Camp No. 1, tax	18 25
Camp No. 1, per capita on account to Dec. 31, 1913	9 55
Camp No. 3, per capita to Dec. 31, 1913	40 80
Camp No. 29, per capita to Dec. 31, 1913	7 20
Camp No. —, supplies	5 00
Camp No. 24, per capita to Dec. 31, 1913	20 00
Camp No. 7, per capita to Dec. 31, 1913	13 60
Camp No. 40, per capita to Dec. 31, 1913	16 00
Camp No. 37, supplies $1 per capita to Dec. 31, 1913	5 00
Camp No. 6, per capita tax to Dec. 31, 1913	5 25
Camp No. 9, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	35 60
Camp No. 22, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	18 90
Camp No. 23, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	21 35
Camp No. 16, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	14 00
Camp No. 9, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	80

Camp No. 14, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	$8 05
Camp No. 8, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	10 15
Camp No. 32, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	5 96
Camp No. 20, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	8 40
Camp No. 41, supplies	1 50
Camp No. 6, tax on 16 members to Dec. 31, 1913	6 40
Camp No. 8, tax on 26 members to Dec. 31, 1913	10 40
Camp No. 22, tax on 52 members to Dec. 31, 1913	20 80
Camp No. 9, tax on 33 members to June 30, 1914	11 55
Camp No. 41, tax on 42 members to June 30, 1914	14 70
Camp No. 31, tax on 41 members to June 30, 1914	14 35
Camp No. 25, tax on	29 25
Camp No. 25, supplies	6 65
Camp No. 41, tax	11 20
Camp No. 5, supplies	4 35
Camp No. 5, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	49 00
Camp No. 28, per capita tax to June 30, 1914	11 30
Camp No. 3, tax to June 30, 1914	36 05
Camp No. 24, supplies	1 85
Camp No. 10, tax on 132 members to June 30, 1914	46 20
Camp No. 29, tax on 19 members to June 30, 1914	6 65
Camp No. 5, supplies	14 20
Camp No. —, supplies	11 76
Camp No. 17, tax on 95 members to June 30, 1914	33 25
Camp No. 24, tax on 33 members to June 30, 1914	11 55
Camp No. 29, supplies	3 50
Camp Peterman, tax on 36 members to June 30, 1914	26 00
Camp No. 35, balance tax to June 30, 1914	6 77
Camp No. 35, tax to June 30, 1914	6 42
Camp No. 1, on account to June 30, 1914	17 50
Camp No. 10, supplies	4 00
Camp No. 35, tax on 31 members to June 30, 1914	10 85
Camp No. 1, to balance to June 30, 1914	7 00
Camp No. 19, supplies	7 35
Camp No. 3, supplies	16 55
Camp No. 37, tax to June 30, 1914	3 50
Camp No. 34, tax to Dec. 31, 1913	8 40
Camp No. 34, tax to June 30, 1914	7 35
Camp No. —, supply account	7 20
Total	$1,072 31

Disbursements.

Voucher No. 196.	National Headquarters, per capita tax	$202 20
Voucher No. 197.	National Headquarters, per capita tax.....	41 10
Voucher No. 198.	Dept. Adjt., supplies	17 35
Voucher No. 199.	Adjutant General, per capita tax	18 60
Voucher No. 200.	Adjutant General, supplies	6 10
Voucher No. 201.	W. F. Slawson, printing, Dept. Hdqts.....	7 50
Voucher No. 202.	J. M. Regan, printing, Dept. Hdqts.....	50 50
Voucher No. 203.	Adjutant General, per capita tax	58 20
Voucher No. 204.	Citizen's State Bank, Sten & Pstg., Dept. Hdqts.	2 66
Voucher No. 205.	F. Manly, sten., Dept. Hdqts.	2 65
Voucher No. 206.	Adjutant General, supplies	38 36
Voucher No. 207.	Adjutant General, per capita tax	49 80
Voucher No. 208.	Dept. Adjutant, postage and salary.....	48 75
Voucher No. 209.	W. F. Slawson, printing, Dept. Hdqts.....	12 00
Voucher No. 210.	Adjutant General, supplies	3 75
Voucher No. 211.	Adjutant General, per capita tax.....	167 70
Voucher No. 212.	C. W. Barbon, bond Dept. Adjt. and Q. M....	5 00
Voucher No. 213.	Dept. Adjutant, expense to Port Huron.....	11 00
Voucher No. 214.	Adjutant General, per capita tax	67 74
Voucher No. 215.	Adjutant General, supplies	10 80
Voucher No. 216.	Adjutant General, supplies	21 60
Voucher No. 217.	F. Manly, sten., Dept. Hdqts.	5 25
Voucher No. 218.	Adjutant General, per capita tax	33 09
Voucher No. 219.	Allen Ptg. Co., Dept. Hdqts.	13 50
Voucher No. 220.	Adjutant General, supplies	10 00
Voucher No. 221.	W. F. Slawson, Ptg., Dept. Hdqts.	5 25
Voucher No. 222.	Adjutant General, per capita	54 41
Voucher No. 223.	Allen Ptg. Co., Dept. Hdqts.	1 50
Voucher No. 224.	Dept. Q. M. salary	10 00
Voucher No. 225.	Dept. Adjutant, salary	45 00
Voucher No. 226.	Allen Ptg. Co., Dept. Hdqts.	5 50
Voucher No. 228.	Adjutant General, supplies	15 20
Voucher No. 227.	I. P. Huyser, sten., Dept. Hdqts.	3 00
Voucher No. 229.	Adjutant General, supplies	13 28
Total	.....	$1,058 34

It was not thought necessary to include in this report a statement of the per capita tax paid by the different camps more fully than is set out above, as my records are simply copies of the records of the Department Adjutant, to which records you are respectfully referred to for that in-information.

Yours fraternally,
J. L. McCORMICK,
Department Quartermaster.

Supplemental Report.

Since making the above report I have received from the Department Adjutant for sale of supplies, the sum of $52.54, and have paid Order No. 230, amounting to $10.50, so that the financial report now stands as follows:

Amount on hand as shown by foregoing report	$13 97
Received from Dept. Adjt. for sale of supplies.....	52 54
Making total of	$66 51
Paid out to Dept. Adjt. for disbursements made by him on order No. 230	10 50
Balance remaining on hand	$56 01

Moved by Comrade L. W. Kunze, of Detroit, No. 10, supported by Comrade Thurlow Pope, of Camp No. 40, that the report of the Quartermaster be received, accepted as read and published in the Proceedings of this Encampment and a vote of thanks be tendered to Comrade Jas. L. McCormick for his excellent administration as Department Quartermaster.

Carried.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Office of Dept. Inspector,

Big Rapids, Mich., June 16, 1914.

To the Eleventh Department Encampment, Department of Michigan Spanish War Veterans:

Comrades:—I have the honor to herewith submit the annual report required by the Department Inspector. The same rule held with me as with my predecessor, Commander Gansser. In regard to the appointment of the District Inspectors, the next day after the 10th annual encampment closed, Commander Gansser issued Order No. 1, designating the District Inspectors. I never received that order until along in September, after my return from duty in the Copper Country, with the National Guard. I then endeavored to get in touch with the different Camps, trying to find out the Camp commanders and their meeting nights, with a view to informing the District Inspectors.

On April 10th, 1914, Commander Gansser issued G. O. No. 4, with the required information, as near as Headquarters could get it, and the District Inspectors began their work, which was very creditable, considering the time they had to work in.

I wish to especially call attention to the good work of Comrade Ambrose C. Talmage, Inspector of District No. 4. He inspected all the camps in his district and enthused new life into them, even so far as resurrecting one camp, that of Ross Granger, No. 2, Ann Arbor.

Comrade Talsma, Inspector of District No. 2, inspected all of the camps in his district, excepting one which was inspected by Department Inspector.

Comrade John Considine, Inspector of District No. 3, inspected all camps in his district, excepting J. Charles Phillips, No. 24, Port Huron.

Comrade E. A. Burns of District No. 1, inspected A. J. Babcock, No. 20, of Flint, Major J. C. Durst, No. 40, Lansing, but was unable to get the other camps. In justice to Comrade Burns I will say that he was willing, but did not receive his appointment until G. O. No. 4 was issued in April and it did not give him time.

Comrade Gage inspected Traverse City, No. 23, and I inspected J. C. Brown, No. 31, also Guy V. Henry, No. 3, Grand Rapids.

I have forwarded to Dept. Commander, inspection report for 20 camps, which is an improvement over last year's published report, which showed

inspection of only 4 camps. This year they all showed renewed life and a gain in membership of 205 comrades against a loss of 57. Most camps inspected showed a good attendance of officers and comrades, also reported a good turn out on Memorial Day. The live camps showed a good balance in their treasury, which is essential at all times.

It is my duty as Inspector to report the condition of the several camps. As to those that have been inspected, I consider them in good condition, with bright prospects for years 1914-15, and I know from orders issued by the Department Commander that some camps that I have no report from are in good condition, while some are on the verge of surrendering their charter.

This office received reports from:

District No. 1, Flint; Lansing.

District No. 2, Grand Rapids, Soldier's Home; Kalamazoo; Holland; Three Rivers and Muskegon.

District No. 3, Pingree Camp, No. 5; Duffield, No. 9; Detroit, No. 10; Gilbert Wilkes, No. 17, all of Detroit.

District No. 4, Jackson; Monroe; Adrian; Ann Arbor and Coldwater.

District No. 5, Traverse City and Big Rapids.

No reports from:

District No. 1, Bay City; Saginaw and Owosso.

District No. 3, Port Huron.

District No. 5, Cheboygan; Alpena and Manistee.

District No. 6, Escanaba; Sault Ste. Marie; Calumet; Marquette and Houghton.

I visited Houghton Camp while in the Copper Country and found it to be a real live camp, and the comrades had out the glad hand at all times. Went to Calumet on invitation of Department Commander to meet with Calumet Camp, but through some misunderstanding there was no meeting.

There are a good many comrades in the Upper Peninsula and I think they should be stirred up enough to realize that U. S. W. V. stands for something.

I inspected Guy V. Henry Camp No. 3, of Grand Rapids, after which they organized a Woman's Auxiliary and we gathered around the board to a fine luncheon, where 200 plates were served. Let the good work go on and more camps endorse the Woman's Auxiliary of U. S. W. V. It gives us a helping hand and some pleasure in kindred associations. This

camp has had on a membership contest and secured 40 new members, which makes a membership of 191.

For the good of the organization I would offer a few suggestions, which if followed cannot but help make better camps.

Have at least one meeting each month. Get the boys out. Use the telephone. Have a few refreshments, make it a Bohemian lunch once in a while, asking each member to donate something. Cut down your camp meeting of routine business to a minimum. Let the newspapers know what you are doing. They are your best friends.

Work with the G. A. R. and take them in as Honorary members. Wear your little bronze button, which money cannot buy. Keep your dues down and let your hand go out to each comrade, poor or rich—be comrades in spirit. Take an active part in boosting for National men who have the interest of our organization at heart. And last, but not least, join the booster club which is to make our order 100,000 strong in 1914-15.

Yours loyally,

E. W. MINIER,
Department Inspector.

Moved by Comrade John F. Atkinson of Camp No. 10, supported by Comrade W. J. Rowe, Camp No. 5, that the report of the Department Inspector be received, accepted as read and published in the Proceedings of this Encampment and a vote of thanks be tendered to the Department Inspector for his splendid work during the year.

Department Chief of Staff, no report.

Department Surgeon, no report.

Department Historian reported that no matter of Historical interest had been reported to him during his administration.

The Fisher matter of Kalamazoo was presented and referred to Past Department Commander Fred R. Schmalzriedt for legal opinion and report at the next session.

Comrade Watson, of Duffield, No. 9, made the following motion:

"That the same committee who were named to call on the G. A. R. at a previous session, call on the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Hon. Washington Gardner, for the purpose of securing the Post of Honor for the Mich. U. S. W. V, as an escort for the G. A. R. at the National Convention to be held at Detroit, August 31st to September 2, 1914.

Motion prevailed.

Comrade Falvey, No. 10, supported by Comrade Dick, No. 5, moved that a nominating committee of three be appointed to present to the Encampment at the morning session, June 19, 1914, a list of names for the elective officers of this Department for coming year. Carried, and Commander appointed Comrades Schmalzriedt, Trickey, and Ward.

Upon motion of Comrade Louis W. Kunze of No. 10, supported by Comrade John Falvey of No. 9, the session was adjourned at 11:45 A. M., until Friday morning at 9:00 A. M., June 19, 1914.

FRIDAY—JUNE 19, 1914.

Morning Session.

Encampment called to order at 9:40 A. M., by the Department Commander at the Armory, at Jackson, Mich.

Invocation by Department Commander Gansser in the absence of the Chaplain.

The Commander appointed Comrades Finney, Camp No. 19 and P. P. Moore, of Camp No. 19, Marshals Pro Tem.

The colors were paraded by the Marshals.

Past Department Commander Fred R. Schmalzriedt made the followning report on the Fisher matter:

Jackson, Mich., June 19, 1914.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Relative to the Edward Fisher matter which was referred to me by the Encampment at its session of yesterday morning, I beg to report as follows:

It appears that Act 329 of the Public Acts of 1907 is inconsistent with Act No. 429 of the Local Acts of 1903, amending the charter of the City of Kalamazoo, and the Prosecuting Attorney of the county gave it as his opinion that the city charter governed and Edward Fisher was dismissed from the fire department without the hearing to which he would be entitled under the general law.

I must take issue with the Prosecuting Attorney, as I am of the opinion that in so far as the local act conflicts with the general act it is superceded by the latter and that Comrade Fisher undoubtedly was entitled to a hearing as provided in Act No. 329 of the Public Acts of 1907.

Whether or not the Comrade has lost his rights under that act because of long delay, I am not prepared to say at this time, but I would recommend that the Department officers be instructed to advise with the Comrades of Westnedge Camp No. 16, and decide what course to pursue, if any, and I shall be glad to assist in every way possible.

Whether or not financial assistance should be granted is a matter for the Encampment, as it may be that the condition of the Department treasury will not allow the expenditure of funds to fight the cause of any camp or individual member.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED R. SCHMALZRIEDT.

The Marshal announced that a committee from the Daughters of Veterans awaited admission to the Encampment. The Department Commander instructed the previous committee to escort the ladies to his station. Mesdames Kidder, Littlefield, Tabraham and Glidden received by a rising demonstration, welcomed and seated. Remarks by the ladies on matters of interest to the Department were made and received with great applause, responded to by Department Commander and amid three cheers ladies retired.

The Marshal announced that a committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. awaited admission to the Encampment. The Department Commander instructed the previous committee to escort the ladies to his station. They were received and welcomed by the Encampment and short addresses were made by Mrs. Davy, P. D. C., Detroit; Mrs. Havens, Detroit; Mrs. Jamson, Department Commander, Detroit, and Mrs. Kingsley. Response by Department Commander and with cheers, ladies retired.

The Marshal announced that a committee from the W. R. C. awaited admission to the Encampment. The Department Commander instructed the committee to escort the ladies, Mesdames Rice, Sr. Vice President, Lansing; Babcock, Jr. Vice President, Pontiac, and McConley, Past Dept. President, Flint, to his station. They were received and welcomed by the Encampment and remarks, expressing their appreciation of our organization and wishing it success, were made and received with great applause. Responded to by Department Commander and with wishes for renewal of visit next year, ladies retired.

The Marshals announced that a committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Spanish War Veterans, awaited admission to the Encampment. Upon the order of the Department Commander they were escorted by the committee to his station, received by a rising demonstration, welcomed and seated. Mesdames Tallmage, Kimball and VanArnt stated that their visit was purely social and that they would be pleased to remain through the business session. There being no objection, their request was granted.

The Department Commander stated that the Grand Army of the Republic had selected Kalamazoo, Michigan as the place for the next Annual Encampment.

Dept. Chief of Staff O. E. Kilstrom made the following motion, supported by Comrade Dick of Pingree No. 5:

"That the 12th Annual Encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of Michigan, be held next year at Kalamazoo, Michigan on the same date as the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Motion prevailed.

The Special Committee appointed by the Department Commander at the previous session, to present to the Encampment a list of names as candidates for the offices of the Department, submitted the following report:

Jackson, Mich., June 19, 1914.

To the Commanding Officer and Comrades of the 11th Annual Encampment:

Your Committee on Nominations begs to report that none of the Comrades have turned in any names to be presented as candidates for any of the offices to be filled by the Encampment. Under the circumstances your committee does not feel that it should take upon itself the selection of officers, but recommends that nominations be made on the floor by the Comrades present.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED R. SCHMALZRIEDT,
W. G. WARD,
GEORGE W. TRICKEY,
Committee.

Comrade Dick of Camp No. 5 made the following motion, supported by Comrade Falvey of Camp No. 9:

"That the Encampment proceed to the election of Department officers."

Motion prevailed.

The following Comrades were appointed tellers by the Department Commander: Fred R. Schmalzriedt, Frank Blackman, R. G. Spoor, George Dubridge.

Comrade George Dubridge of Camp No. 3 presented the name of Department Chief of Staff Oscar E. Kilstrom, No. 3, for Department Commander.

Comrade R. G. Spoor of Camp No. 16 presented the name of Comrade Dork P. Yonkerman for Department Commander.

Past Department Commander Fred R. Schmalzriedt presented the name of Sr. Vice Department Commander William G. Allmand for Department Commander.

Department Marshal, Frank H. Blackman, presented the name of Comrade Charles C. Isman, No. 19, for Department Commander.

Nominations closed.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrade Kunze of Camp No. 10, supported by Comrade Spoor of Camp No. 16, made the following motion:

"That all comrades answer 'here' when name is called."

Motion prevailed.

First ballot resulted as follows:

Total number of votes case 69, of which Allmand received 20, Kilstrom 32, Yonkerman 5 and Ismon 12. There being no choice another ballot was called for.

Comrade R. G. Spoor of Camp No. 16, with the consent of the supporter, withdrew the name of Comrade Dork P. Yonkerman, in favor of O. E. Kilstrom.

Second ballot resulted as follows:

Total number of votes cast 69, of which O. E. Kilstrom received 35, William G. Allmand 21, and Ismon 13.

Comrade O. E. Kilstrom having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected Department Commander.

S. V. Department Commander William G. Allmand, supported by Department Marshal Frank H. Blackman, made the following motion:

"That the election of Oscar E. Kilstrom for Department Commander be made unanimous and that the tellers be instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Oscar E. Kilstrom."

Motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrade Falvey, No. 9, nominated Charles C. Ismon, No. 19, supported by Maybee, No. 19.

Comrade Cram, No. 32, nominated George W. Trickey, No. 32, supported by Ruggles, No. 19.

Nominations closed.

First ballot resulted as follows:

Total number of votes cast 69, of which Trickey received 40 and Ismon 29.

Comrade George W. Trickey having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected S. V. Department Commander.

ELECTION OF JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrade Rowe, of Camp No. 5, nominated John Sibley No. 10, supported by Smith No. 5.

Comrade Emery of Camp No. 3, nominated Dork P. Yonkerman No. 16, supported by Spoor of No. 19.

Comrade Beck of Camp No. 19, nominated Frank H. Blackman, No. 19, supported by Johnson, No. 19.

Nominations closed.

First ballot resulted as follows:

Total number of votes cast 69, of which Sibley received 27, Yonkerman 23 and Blackman 19.

There being no choice another ballot was called for.

Second ballot resulted as follows: Total number of votes cast 69, of which Sibley received 36, Yonkerman 19 and Blackman 11.

Comrade John Sibley having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected J. V. Department Commander.

A number of calls from the floor of the Encampment were made for Junior Vice Department Commander-elect John Sibley and very enthusiastic speech was made by Comrade Sibley.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Comrade William G. Allmand, of Camp No. 5, nominated Comrade Ambrose Talmage, Camp No. 22, supported by Falvey, Camp No. 9.

Comrade Edwin W. Minier, Camp No. 31, nominated E. A. Finney, Camp No. 19, supported by Comrade VanAntwerp, Camp No. 19.

Nominations closed.

First ballot resulted as follows:

Total number of votes cast 55, of which Talmage received 35 and Finney received 20.

Comrade Ambrose Talmage, Camp No. 22, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Department Inspector.

ELECTION OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Comrade Gansser, Camp No. 3, nominated Frank H. Blackman, No. 19, supported by Ward, Camp No. 31.

No other nominations being made, the tellers were instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Comrade Blackman for Department Judge Advocate.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT SURGEON.

Comrade Minier, Camp No. 31, nominated Comrade Clyde F. Karshner, No. 31, supported by Comrade Pope, Camp No. 40.

No other nominations being made, the tellers were instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Comrade Karshner for Department Surgeon.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT MARSHAL.

Comrade Spoor, Camp No. 16, nominated Comrade Jos. Westnidge, Camp No. 16, supported by Comrade Eaton, Camp No. 24.

No other nominations being made, the tellers were instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Comrade Westnidge for Department Marshal.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Comrade Kilstrom, Camp No. 16, nominated Comrade John T. Thomas, Camp No. 3, supported by Comrade Hunt, No. 31.

No other nominations being made, the tellers were instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Comrade John T. Thomas for Department Chaplain.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Comrade George Dubridge, Camp No. 3, nominated A. H. Gansser, Camp No. 1, supported by Comrade Sharpe, Camp No. 3.

No other nominations being made, the tellers were instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for Comrade A. H. Gansser for Department Patriotic Instructor.

Delegates to the National Convention at Louisville, Ky., August 31 to Sept. 2, 1914, were elected.

Comrades John H. Boyer, Camp No. 19; George Talsma, Camp No. 16, Angus McDonald, Camp No. 28, and Frederick Eaton, Camp No. 24.

Alternates: Comrades Ambros Talmage, Camp No. 22; John Atkinson, Camp No. 10; Fred C. Whitney, Camp No. 3, and George J. Lukes, Camp No. 20.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Hdqrs Dept. of Mich., United Spanish War Veterans,

Bay City, June 14, 1914.

To the 11th Annual Encampment, Greeting:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report, as required by our Rules and Regulations, with such recommendations as the good of our beloved organization suggests, in the light of long service and experience.

It has been my earnest desire to merit the honor you so unexpectedly conferred on me at Lansing last year, by earnest effort and devoted service. The sudden call for eleven weeks duty at Calumet prevented my attendance at Buffalo's National Encampment, changed our well-laid plans, but also made possible visiting our Camps in the Upper Peninsula. Miller Camp at Houghton royally entertained all our comrades on duty in the strike zone, August 13, and responded to the new inspiration by sending Comrade Angus McDonald to Buffalo.

The strike and other causes seriously crippled our Camps at Calumet, Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie. Through the devoted efforts of Past Dept. Commander Ward these Camps rendered their belated reports and per capita this very month. They have our best wishes for better things in the years to come.

Early last fall I took up the work of reviving weak Camps, and solidifying our leaders.

Since then I have inspected Lawton No. 1, Bay City, and attended its every session; assisted in reorganizing Flint, Port Huron, and reviving Ann Arbor, Alpena, Houghton, Owosso, Lansing, Manistee and Saginaw, all of whom were in bad shape last year; and boosting things for Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Coldwater, Traverse City, and most of these through repeated personal visits.

The Camps at Detroit and Monroe were left largely to the loyal care of Senior Dept. Vice Commander Allmand, who well performed his duties there and as our department head at Buffalo.

The Camps at Three Rivers, Big Rapids, Holland, Soldier's Home, Escanaba, Adrian and Muskegon, were missed, partly through lack of opportunity and partly because they seemed to require help less than some sister Camps.

The splendid work of Sanford Hunt Camp No. 19, of Jackson, the past year is best proven by our royal entertainment at this Encampment, and our hosts in the years to come will have to hustle to equal our jolly reunion of "1914."

Pingree, No. 5, Duffield, No. 9, Detroit, No. 10, all of Detroit; Grand Rapids, Traverse City, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Jackson, Bay City, Lansing, Saginaw, Coldwater, Flint and Port Huron, instituted membership contests the past year, and by other means did much to produce an actual increase in membership, over a loss of membership the previous year.

Let every Camp gather from these an inspiration to go and do likewise the coming year. For there is power in numbers, safety in a full treasury and much pleasure in numerous and aggressive comradeship.

Cheboygan, Tecumseh, Pontiac, Battle Creek and Ionia once had Camps, but all my hard work to revive them has so far failed. New Camps are possible for Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Mt. Clemens, Allegan, Ypsilanti, Menominee, Ironwood, Iron Mountain, Ishpeming, Petoskey and Marshall, considering the number of men they furnished for service, 1898-1901, and their present population. I spent many hours over the official records of Michigan to gather this information, and trust succeeding administrations will make an earnest effort to add these 14 cities to our list of active local orgaizations.

It takes today but a few moments to give you this review of all of Michigan's Camps, but it required days and weeks of time, the traveling of several thousand miles, hundreds of dollars in expenses cheerfully paid by me, because our department finances would not permit any such outlay, to several hundred personal letters, five general orders and two circular letters from your headquarters the past year, to make this possible.

In addition it required the energetic and devoted service of Dept. Adjutant Burkart, whose record speaks for itself; of Dept. Q. M. McCormick and Comrade Sharp, his loyal assistant; of Department Inspector Menier, whose report explains itself; of my Chief of Staff, Kilstrom; of Dept. Marshal Blackman; of Dept. Surgeon Passmore; of Dept. Judge Advocate Chapman; of Jr. Dept. Vice Commander Trickey; of Aides-de-Camp Talmage, Talsma, McDonald, and all the loyal local leaders in every Camp in Michigan, to each and all of whom our sincere appreciation goes out today for good work, well done.

Past Department Commander Fred R. Schmalzriedt, of Detroit, has been of great help and encouragement the past year, and with Past Department Commander Wm. G. Ward, of Big Rapids, merits special mention.

Camp Commander Jas. E. Embury, of Port Huron, totally blind as a result of exposure and hardships endured in the campaign of Santiago de Cuba, has set a golden example to our more fortunate brothers, by leading Phillips Camp back into life and loyal activity.

Hannah Camp, of Traverse City, fully uniformed, with a bulging treasury, jolly Camp sessions and an annual district encampment jointly with the G. A. R., and Westnidge Camp of Kalamazoo, which last November dedicated a Spanish War Veterans' Memorial Tablet in a public park for

the inspiration of future generations, have set an example to all our sister Camps, worthy of emulation.

Our hearts go out to the loyal leaders who in their home cities and local Camps, through untiring efforts have made possible the growth in membership and the advanced position we occupy in Michigan today. More strength to them the coming year.

The exhaustive reports of your Dept. Adjutant and Quartermaster, together with the report of your Auditing Committee explain and record in full the financial status and transactions of the past year.

Here too, we show a marked improvement, due largely to the earnest efforts of your Dept. Adjutant to get reports and per capita in promptly and fully, and I trust this will be afixed habit for all our Camps in the years to come.

For these are the vital heartbeats of our organization. In very truth, these are our sinews of war. Without such good business tactics we cannot succeed. Keep up the good work. Prevent suspensions, keep recruiting.

Along this line would urge every Camp to reach out into neighboring cities and villages, which have no Camps, and round up worthy Comrades for membership in your own Camps. There is still a wide field for growth in this suggestion.

The past year has been made eventful by the crisis with Mexico, and pursuant to the expressed spirit of our Comrades, we tendered your services to the government, should occasion require additional volunteers. This tender was gratefully acknowledged by our Governor, and the Adjutant General at Washington. It reflected your undying loyalty and patriotism.

Seven years ago Michigan advocated joint reunions with the G. A. R., and the election of honored veterans of the G. A. R., to Honorary Membership in our organization. Michigan's leadership has been accepted by our National Encampment at Buffalo last year in these matters, and most of our Camps have gladly conferred this little recognition to the men who saved the nation and forever banished human slavery from the earth. Let every camp do their G. A. R. neighbors similar honor the coming year.

Michigan now has flourishing Women's Auxiliaries for our order in Detroit, Saginaw, Traverse City, Coldwater, Flint, and a number of other cities are now organizing. There is help and joy in these new associations and each and every Camp is urged to rally our loyal womanhood around a local Auxiliary.

Congress has provided service medals for veterans of all our wars, upon proof of service through the Adjutant General's office, Washington, and the payment of fifty cents. The medals are beauties, but a great and

wealthy nation like ours should present these symbols of service free of charge.

Our National Encampment at Buffalo also provided for each Camp and Department at Patriotic Instructor, whose duties are clearly indicated in the title. Each Camp should chose its most enthusiastic and loyal Comrade for this office, in order that the Camp may accomplish a maximum of good for good citizenship, now and hereafter.

Our "black brothers" in Detroit are asking for a Charter for a Camp of their own, and their application is hereby referred to the Detroit Camps for early action, in accordance with the provisions of our Rules and Regulations governing such cases.

Remembering the devoted services of our colored brethern in the closing years of the civil war, and our jolly comrades of the 24th and 25th U. S. Infantry, 9th and 10th U. S. Cavalry, and 49th U. S. Volunteers, at Santiago and in the Philippines, with their heroic service record, my hearty approval goes with their application for a Charter in Michigan.

Your Department Headquarters has done all in its power to promote the passage of the Key Bill (H. R. 13044), providing pensions for the widows and orphans of Spanish War Veterans through Congress, accomplished on April 1, and since then have tried hard to also carry it through the United States Senate, where it is now pending. The Senate will soon adjourn, so it is up to every Camp and every Comrade to write or wire Senators Wm. Alden Smith and Chas. E. Townsend at once, urging favorable action on this bill.

In addition to the recommendations for action herewith submitted to you and your Camps, do also recommend the following:

State laws providing relief for soldiers who served in the Phillipines, the same as now granted the veterans of '98; strengthening of the State Civil Service Laws, giving preference in employment to our Comrades in city, county and state departments and offices; exemption of veterans' property same as now granted civil war veternas; membership on all state military boards and commissions; increase in burial allowances for our veterans; assisting the National Guard everywhere and all the time; creating a board or commission to make full inquiry and investigation of strikes or industrial disputes, before authorizing the sending out of troops by the governor; providing for printing the official proceedings of the G. A. R., and S. W. V. Encampments as state documents and providing for their proper distribution; the erection at Lansing of a Soldiers' Memorial Building, in keeping with the power of our great state, and as a lasting monument to the men who freely offered and gave their lives in their country's service; such building to contain the state military department, military museum, local state armories, offices of the Michigan Departments of the G. A. R. and S. W. V., and such other offices as the needs of the state

may dictate; enforcing the laws against desecrating our flag, and the unlawful wearing of the uniforms, buttons or other insignia of the army and navy, G. A. R. and S. W. V.; to secure the relief money due sick Comrades of 1898, remaining unpaid because the funds were exhausted before Big Rapids and other companies were reached; for the admission of our widows and orphans to Michigan Soldiers' Home same as the G. A. R., and that our Legislative Committee the coming year look well to our interests in all proposed legislation at Lansing and Washington.

Each Camp should have a live Historian, who will keep all valuable records and information in well tabulated form, and who will furnish the essential data to our Department Historian. Together with the Camp Commander and Patriotic Instructor he will see that your Camp receives proper publicity at all times.

For publicity of the right sort is the very greatest help to every Camp, and our Department should by them be kept prominently before our Comrades through the Spanish War Review. If they and your neighbors hear nothing about you, they know your enthusiasm is gone. Likewise your usefulness.

That Michigan representatives at Louisville insist that local Camps be allowed to fix their own dues and manage their own affairs and that the appointment of Assistant Inspectors be left to the Department Inspector in order to fix responsibility and expedite our Camp inspections.

That each Camp pay the actual expenses of their delegates in order that each local organization may be regularly represented at each Department Encampment.

That the Department Commander or his representative attend each National Encampment, accompanied by the department flags, and that his actual traveling expenses be paid upon approval by the Council of Administration, provided the department finances permit the outlay.

Each Camp is urged to have a "camp fire" or social meeting once each month, jointly with the G. A. R. Get your boys out and show them a good time. These are the ties that bind.

Each Camp officer should memorize his ritual part, in order to make your meetings shorter and more interesting; official orders should be read, with non-essentials omitted, and every Comrade must get a copy of our National Review and Department Orders. He must have this information and he is paying for it.

Sustain the distinctive military character of our organization by uniforming your comrades as far as possible. It is a badge of honor and lends tone to your organization.

And let each Comrade remember that our little bronze button represents loyal service; money cannot buy it; hence it makes you a marked man in your community; it can honor you only as you honor it. Be a

joy in your home, a success in your business, and take an active part in the work of your Camp, and in all the duties of public service and good citizenship.

That Michigan endorse the spirit of comradeship and fun represented by our Military Order of the Serpent, and that our Department Commander do provide a suitable time and place for this martial side degree during our next encampment.

That military courtesy and discipline be strictly enforced by our Camps and Department, insuring promptness in correspondence, the proper and prompt rendering of all required reports and payment of per capita, for upon these rests the future prosperity of our beloved order.

That meritorious service continue to be the one safe and sure guide to promotion within our order; that suitable trophies be provided for Camps securing the largest number of new members and largest per centage of increase during any one year; and for the best exemplification of our muster ceremonies at annual encampment, in the interests of growth and general improvement.

And finally, that Michigan take that place in the national affairs of our order, to which our numbers and loyalty so clearly entitle us by aggressive action and a large attendance at our next National Encampment at Louisville, and in the years to come.

In conclusion, my sincere appreciation goes out to all the Comrades who have helped to make possible our good record of the past year; they will at least have the satisfaction of good work, well done, which counts for much with all true men.

The work of the past year has been strenuous but also enjoyable, and I shall forever treasure your friendship, your loyalty, and the memory of the high honor you so unexpectedly conferred upon me. In return I can but pledge you whole-hearted service for our beloved order all the days of my life, and to wish for each and every one of you all the blessings of health and prosperity, combining therewith all the elements of genuine happiness and good comradeship.

And God's richest blessings upon our beloved country, "America, the Beautiful."

O, beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
Above each fruitful plain;
America, America, God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

O, beautiful for pilgrims feet
Whose stern, impassioned stress;
A thoroughfare for freedom beat,
Across the wilderness.
America, America, God mend thy every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

O, beautiful for heroes proved,
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life.
America, America, may God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.

O, beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears.
America, America, God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

Loyally as every yours,
A. H. GANSSER,
Department Commander, Michigan U. S. W. V.

Moved by Comrade Sharpe of Camp No. 1, supported by Comrade Dick of Camp No. 5, that the report of the Department Commander be received, accepted as read, and published in the Proceedings of this Encampment and a vote of thanks be tendered to the Department Commander for his excellent administration as Department Commander.

Carried.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

To the 11th Department Encampment of Michigan, United Spanish War Veterans. Greeting:

Your Committee on Resolutions herewith submits its report and in order to expedite the business of the closing session recommend that all resolutions introduced be included in this report, and these resolutions be adopted section by section as read.

Such sections as require debate or further action to be passed for the time being, and taken up in turn after the rest have been approved and adopted.

I. This department in convention assembled extends to the citizens of Jackson its heartfelt appreciation for the generous hospitality extended and conveniences provided for our meetings and the work of the several committees, more especially since this was the second encampment to be held by us in Jackson within seven years.

II. We extend to the Department Commander and Comrades of Michigan's G. A. R. our appreciation for the courtesies extended to us at this reunion and hope that we may have the honor and pleasure of meeting with them for many years to come.

III. We extend to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Spanish War Veterans, our appreciation for the kindness, encouragement and courtesies extended us at this reunion.

IV. We extend to our Comrades of Sanford Hunt Camp No. 19 of Jackson our sincere thanks for their cordial entertainment and loyal efforts for our every comfort and convenience while their guests. In other places and in other years we hope to recompense them fully for their hard work of the present year.

V. That this Department continue a committee of five on legislation, to promote the passage of all legislation at Lansing and Washington for the benefit of our members, their widows and orphans, and to assist in all legislation promoting our highest ideals of good citizenship, patriotic instruction and human progress.

VI. That the efforts of the Department Commander and this legislative committee be earnestly supported by each individual member, by letter or otherwise, and by every Camp in this Department. We recognize that only by such concerted and continued efforts will we be able to get the desired results.

VII. We urge the passage of the Key Bill (H. R. 13044) through the United States Senate, Congress having approved it April 1, 1914. This bill provides pensions for the widows and orphans of Spanish War Veterans. The Department officers, and every member and every Camp should at once write or wire the United States Senators from Michigan, to insure its final passage at this session, which closes this month.

VIII. We renew the recommendation that Michigan's legislature provide for printing the annual proceedings of the G. A. R. and S. W. V. as a state document and provide for the proper distribution of same to the members of these organizations.

IX. That until such action is secured this Department have printed a synopsis and digest of the proceedings of our annual encampment, giving the reports of the Department Commander, Department Adjutant, Department Quartermaster and Department Inspector in full, in pamphlet form, and to distribute same promptly to all the Camps for all the members therein.

X. That our Department and its legislative committee insist that the Spanish War Veterans be represented at all times upon the Board of Control of Michigan Soldiers' Home, the State Military Board, the Military Museum Board, and the several city and county soldier's relief and burial commissions and boards.

XI. That our Department and legislative committee urge and assist in the passage of a law creating a Soldier's Memorial Building at Lansing in keeping with the power of our great state, and as a lasting monument to the men who offered and gave their lives in their country's service. Such Memorial to contain the state military departments and museum, local state armories, offices of Michigan Departments of the G. A. R. and S. W. V., and such other offices as the needs of the state may dictate.

XII. We renew the recommendation that each Camp pay the actual expenses of its delegates to our department encampment, so that all Camps will be represented.

XIII. We recommend the attendance of the Department Commander or his representative at each national encampment of our order, accompanied by Michigan's department flags.

XIV. That we meet jointly with the G. A. R. at Kalamazoo, in 1915, and so continue the cordial relations established for mutual benefit at the Lansing and Jackson reunions.

XV. That the Department Adjutant shall receive the sum of $90 for his services the past year and that the Department Quartermaster shall receive the sum of $10 for his services, and that in the future these amounts shall be the fixed pay of these officers for all services rendered.

XVI. That this Department and our legislative committee do all in their power to amend the civil service laws of Michigan governing the employment of Civil and Spanish War Veterans by city boards, councils or commissions, also by counties and the state, in order that no technical loopholes remain to avoid the clear intent of the law to give our veteran comrades preference in such employments, as was done in the Edward Fisher-Kalamazoo fire department case in 1913.

XVII. That this Department do all in its power to secure the back pay due sick soldiers of 1898 by Michigan, unpaid because the funds so provided were exhausted before all worthy comrades were provided for.

XVIII. That this Department and its legislative committee do all in their power to secure the same exemption on their homes now granted the G. A. R.; to give our comrades the same assistance granted the G. A. R. by cities and counties when sick; to increase the soldier's burial allowance to $65 and to make same obligatory upon all proper boards and commissions; for the admission of our comrades, their widows and orphans to Michigan's Soldier's Home, same as civil war veterans; to secure the amendment of our Laws governing the granting of relief and the payment of burial expenses to veterans, so as to include all who are eligible to membership in our organization; (this in the interests of our Philippine veterans, now excluded); to secure the Congressional service medal free of charge to honorably discharged veterans; and in every similar manner look well to the interests of our Spanish War Veterans at Lansing and Washington.

XIX. That we encourage the organization and maintenance of Women's Auxiliaries to our order in every city where a Camp is located, confident that this rallying of our loyal women will strengthen our fraternal ties and open new possibilities for patriotic instruction and social enjoyment.

XX. That Michigan representatives at our National Encampment at Louisville this year insist that local Camps be allowed to fix their own dues and manage their own affairs; that the appointment of district inspectors be left with the department inspector in order to fix responsibility and expedite efficient Camp inspections; that our comrades make an earnest effort to attend the Louisville encampment.

XXI. That Michigan endorses the spirit of comradeship and fun represented by our Military Order of the Serpent and that our Department Com-

mander do provide a time and place at our next annual encampment for this martial side degree.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED R. SCHMALZRIEDT,
OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
WM. J. ALLMAND,
GEO. W. TRICKEY,
AMBROSE TALMAGE,
Committee.

Each section was read, submitted to the Encampment for action, and unanimously approved as read, at the morning session of Friday, June 19, 1914.

On motion of Comrade Sharp, Lawton No. 1, supported by several Comrades, the resolutions were thereupon unanimously approved and adopted, as read.

Comrade John Considine, Jr., Camp No. 10, supported by Comrade Dick, Camp No. 5, made the following motion:

"That in the future the Department Adjutant and Department Quartermaster be located in the same city, as this will insure better, less expensive and more accurate administration of these offices."

Carried.

By order of the Department Commander this matter was referred as special business to the next Encampment.

The officers-elect were installed by Past Department Commander, A. H. Gansser.

Department Commander O. E. Kilstrom announced the following appointments:

Department Adjutant—Frank H. Presley, No. 40, Lansing.
Department Assistant Adjutant—Walter J. Hasse, No. 40, Lansing.
Department Quartermaster—Oscar W. Achard, No. 24, Saginaw.
Department Assistant Quartermaster—Charles J. Smith, No. 3, Grand Rapids.
Department Chief of Staff—W. G. Ward, No. 31, Big Rapids.
Department Historian—John L. Burkart, No. 31, Big Rapids.

There being no further business to transact, the Eleventh Annual Encampment closed in due form at 1:10 P. M.

A. H. GANSSER,
Department Commander.

JOHN L. BURKART,
Department Adjutant.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS,

Lansing, June 30, 1915.

HON. WOODBRIDGE N. FERRIS, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir:—I have the honor, in compliance with law, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the United Spanish War Veterans as have taken place in this Department during my Administration as its Commander from June 18, 1914 to June 19, 1915, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F. P. & H.,
OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

JUNE 16, 17 AND 18, 1915.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Wednesday, June 16, 1915.

The Council of Administration was called to order by Department Commander Oscar E. Kilstrom, at the Hotel Burdick, 11:45 a. m., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Present:

Comrades Oscar E. Kilstrom, Department Commander.
George W. Trickey, Senior Vice Department Commander.
John A. Sibley, Junior Vice Department Commander.
Wm. G. Ward, Department Chief of Staff.
Frank H. Presley, Department Adjutant.
Oscar W. Achard, Department Quartermaster.

The Department Commander reviewed the events of the past year which were of the most importance to the Department and stated that the prospects were good for instituting a Camp at Allegan and Petoskey within a short time.

Matters of general interest to the Department, particularly the enactment of Senate bill No. 291, introduced by Senator Gansser, providing for Department Headquarters in the Capitol building at Lansing and the printing and distribution of the Department Encampment Proceedings, were taken up and discussed and it was decided that inasmuch as Department Headquarters had been provided for at Lansing, Mich., it would be advisable to recommend to the Department that the Department Adjutant should be a comrade located at Lansing, Mich.

Upon motion the Council adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

GENERAL SESSION—JUNE 16, 1915.

The Encampment was called to order by Department Commander Oscar E. Kilstrom at 2:30 P. M.

The Department Commander appointed Comrade F. D. Davenport of No. 19, Marshal Pro Tem.

The Department Commander appointed Comrade John Tremble of No. 3, Acting Chaplain in the absence of Department Chaplain Rev. John T. Thomas.

Upon request of the Department Adjutant, Comrade Charles A. Norris, of No. 40 was appointed Assistant Department Adjutant Pro Tem. of the encampment.

The colors were paraded by the Marshal.

Invocation by Comrade John Tremble, Acting Chaplain.

Upon request of the Department Commander, General Orders No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and Cir. Letter No. 1 were read by Department Adjutant F. H. Presley.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.

Present:

Department Commander, Oscar E. Kilstrom.
Senior Vice Department Commander, George W. Trickey.
Junior Vice Department Commander, John A. Sibley.
Department Adjutant, Frank H. Presley.
Department Quartermaster, Oscar W. Achard.
Department Inspector, Ambrose Talmage.
Department Chief-of-Staff, William G. Ward.

The Committee on Credentials asked for further time in which to make report and upon motion of R. G. Spoor of No. 16, the request was granted.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of the following committees:

To wait upon the Women's Relief Corps now in session at the First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Comrade Herman Binder ..... Camp No. 10.
R. G. Spoor..... Camp No. 16.
John F. Atkinson..... Camp No. 10.

Daughters of Veterans:

Comrade L. M. Abbott	Camp No. 16.
John Stellema	Camp No. 3.
Donald McKinley	Camp No. 39.

Ladies' Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans:

Comrade John A. Sibley	Camp No. 10.
F. O. Appledorn	Camp No. 16.
M. M. Johnson	Camp No. 10.

G. A. R. Encampment now in session:

Comrade Charles E. Greene	Camp No. 41.
A. H. Gansser	Camp No. 1.
Harry S. Starkey	Camp No. 10.

Ladies' of the G. A. R.:

Comrade L. W. Kunze	Camp No. 10.
Wm. J. Emery	Camp No. 3.
F. G. Van Antwerp	Camp No. 22.

Sons of Veterans:

Comrade George W. Trickey	Camp No. 32.
J. H. VanLente	Camp No. 38.
S. C. Heywood	Camp No. 19.

Auditing Committee:

Comrade Fred A. Ashley	Camp No. 31.
Dept. Surgeon, Clyde F. Karshner	Camp No. 31.
Comrade Gus L. Stein	Camp No. 16.

Credentials Committee:

Dept. Adjutant F. H. Presley	Camp No. 40.
Dept. Historian John L. Burkart	Camp No. 31.
Ass't Dept. Adjutant Charles S. Norris	Camp No. 40.

Committee on Resolutions:

Dept. Patriotic Instructor A. H. Gansser	Camp No. 1.
Comrade George Dubridge	Camp No. 3.
Charles Greene	Camp No. 41.
F. L. Eaton	Camp No. 24.
F. G. Van Antwerp	Camp No. 22.

The Department Commander stated that he would appoint a Committee at this time to assist the local camp No. 16 in restoring to membership some

of the suspended members of Camp No. 16, said Committee to be known as "Committee on Suspensions," the following Comrades were appointed:

Comrade Clarence L. Miller..... Camp No. 16.
L. W. Kunze..... Camp No. 10.
Dept. Chief-of-Staff William G. Ward..... Camp No. 31.

Comrade Gus L. Stein, No. 16, asked if comrades not members of the organization would be eligible to a seat in the business meetings of the Department Encampment.

The Department Commander stated that while it was not strictly in order to permit such comrades to a seat in the meetings, he would be in favor of granting admission, believing that it might be the means of inducing them to become members.

Comrade Oscar W. Achard, Dept. Quartermaster, made the following motion, supported by Comrade Fred O. Appledorn No. 16 that fraternal greetings be forwarded to Col. Charles L. Boynton and members of the 33rd Regiment Mich. Vol. Inftry. in reunion assembled at Port Huron, Michigan, this date.

Motion prevailed.

Complying with the above motion the following telegram was forwarded:

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 16, 1915.

To Col. Charles L. Boynton and Comrades of the 33rd Mich. Vol. Infty.
Port Huron, Mich.

The Department of Michigan, United Spanish War Veterans in convention assembled in Kalamazoo, Mich., this date, sends fraternal greetings and regrets that your regimental reunion could not have been held in this city at this time.

Sig.: FRANK H. PRESLEY,
Department Adjutant.

At this time the committee appointed to visit the Ladies' Auxiliary of the U. S. W. V. reported that they had performed their duty and were treated with the utmost courtesy by the ladies and that the ladies wished to return the visit in company with the national president of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The Officer of the Guard announced that the committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary of the U. S. W. V. accompanied by their National President Jessie Booth Perry were in waiting.

The Department Commander directed Dept. Chief-of-Staff William G. Ward together with the Color Sergeants to escort the ladies to the rostrum

where they were received and welcomed by a few well chosen words by the Department Commander. Mesdames Jessie Booth Perry, National President, Alberta Thomson, Department President, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Best and Josephine Novotny addressed the encampment with enthusiastic remarks, were heartily cheered by the comrades present and retired.

Upon motion of Comrade Kunze of No. 10, the encampment adjourned at 4:15 P. M. until Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock June 17, 1915, to give the various committees an opportunity to meet and report.

THURSDAY—JUNE 17, 1915.

Morning Session.

Encampment called to order by Department Commander Oscar E. Kilstrom at 9:30 A. M.

The Commander appointed F. D. Davenport of No. 19 Acting Marshal.

The colors were paraded by the Marshal.

Invocation by Comrade John Tremble of No. 3.

Roll call showed the following officers present:

Comrades:

Department Commander, Oscar E. Kilstrom.
Senior Vice Department Commander, George W. Trickey.
Junior Vice Department Commander, John A. Sibley.
Department Adjutant, Frank H. Presley.
Ass't Department Adjutant, Chas. S. Norris.
Department Quartermaster, O. W. Achard.
Department Chief-of-Staff, W. G. Ward.
Department Inspector, Ambrose Talmage.
Department Patriotic Instructor, A. H. Gansser.
Department Historian, J. L. Burkart.
Department Surgeon, Clyde F. Karshner.

The Department Commander issued the following verbal order:

The U. S. W. V. Department of Michigan will assemble at the Hotel Burdick at 1:00 P. M. to participate in the parade.

The Committee on Credentials reported that 28 camps were entitled to representation as follows:

General Lawton, No. 1; Guy V. Henry, No. 3; Hazen S. Pingree, No. 5;

Seymour Howell, No. 6; Ross Granger, No. 7; John M. Guttman, No. 8; H. M. Duffield, No. 9; Detroit, No. 10; Arthur Heney, No. 14; Richard Westnege, No. 16; Gilbert Wilkes (Naval), No. 17; Sanford Hunt, No. 19; A. J. Babcock, No. 20; S. A. Valentine, No. 21; Ben E. Rolph, No. 22; Hannah, No. 23; Colonel Schmidt, No. 24; J. Charles Phillips, No. 25; George Millar, No. 28; Stensil Gilhooley, No. 29; J. C. Brown, No. 31; Charles P. Wheeler, No. 32; George M. Hunt, No. 35; S. M. Wheeler, No. 37; Holland. No. 38; Soldier's Home, No. 39; Major John C. Durst, No. 40 and Muskegon, No. 41.

At this time the regular order of business was suspended.

The Department Commander appointed Comrade Marshall M. Johnson No. 10, Officer of the Guard and Comrade Department Chief-of-Staff William G. Ward No. 31, Officer of the Day.

The Officer of the Guard announced that Mrs. McConelly and the Committee from the W. R. C. were in waiting.

They were escorted to the Rostrum and welcomed by the Department Commander in behalf of the Department.

Mrs. Mary A. McConelly, Past Department President was then escorted to the altar and presented with an honorary membership badge and lapel button by the Department Commander in compliance with action taken by the tenth annual encampment of this Department, having the distinction of being the first lady upon whom this honor was conferred.

Mrs. McConelly then made a stirring address which was received with great applause by the encampment. Remarks were also made by Mesdames Agnes M. Wiley, Past Department President; Emma A. Spaulding, Patriotic Instructor and Elizabeth Mitchell, President of the W. R. C. of Detroit and retired amid rousing cheers by the Comrades present.

A telegram from Col. Boynton, Col. of the 33rd Mich. Vol. Infantry under date of June 16, 1915, was received, reading as follows:

Port Huron, Mich.,
June 16, 1915.

F. H. Presley, Dept. Adjutant,
U. S. W. V. Department of Michigan,
Kalamazoo, Mich.:

Thirty-third Michigan Infantry in annual reunion assembled expresses its sincere acknowledgments of your telegram of fraternal greetings and extends best wishes for the continuing prosperity and success of the United Spanish War Veterans and the splendid work it is doing in fostering loyalty to the Flag by keeping alive the memories of '98. The order insures Patriotic support of the principles on which the republic is founded.

Sig.: CHARLES L. BOYNTON, President.

MICHAEL J. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

The telegram was ordered placed on file and printed in the proceedings of the encampment.

The following telegram from Commander-in-Chief Charles Francis Cramer was received:

Comrade Oscar E. Kilstrom, Dept. Commander, Dept. of Mich. U. S. W. V., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Cordial greetings and congratulations to Michigan encampment with sincere wishes for growth of the Department in patriotic usefulness with numerical gains necessary to maximum effectiveness.

Sig.: CHARLES FRANCIS CRAMER,
Commander-in-Chief.

The telegram was ordered placed on file and ordered printed in the proceedings of the encampment.

The following letter under date of June 14, 1915, was received from Adjutant General Arthur C. Rogers:

Cleveland, Ohio, June 14, 1915.

From: The Adjutant General, U. S. W. V.
To: The Commander, Department of Michigan, U. S. W. V.
Subject: Attendance at Department Encampment.

1. In response to your very kind letter of June the 12th, the Commander-in-Chief directs me to say that he sincerely regrets his inability to attend the annual encampment of the Department of Michigan, especially in view of the fact that he is slated for a talk.

2. As you are doubtless aware, the Commander-in-Chief is in the government's service and consequently has not that command of his time which he would like to have. This will explain his absence.

3. Being kept pretty closely at my desk, I must also decline your invitation, very much to my regret. The few trips that I have been able to make have, I believe, been for the benefit of the organization, and I am sure that if it were possible, attendance at your department encampment would be equally beneficial to national headquarters. I am exceedingly sorry, therefore, both officially and personally, that I cannot accept the invitation.

4. Both the Commander-in-Chief and myself tender best wishes for a successful encampment, and hope that your administration will go down on the records of the Department as one of the best in its history.

Sig.: ARTHUR C. ROGERS.

The communication was ordered placed on file and printed in the proceedings of the encampment.

A telegram was also received and placed on file from the Detroit con-

vention bureau inviting the encampment to meet in Detroit in 1916 and a letter of gretings under date of June 15, 1915, was received from Monsignor O'Brien of Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Officer of the Guard announced that the Committee from the Sons of Veterans were in waiting.

The Department Commander ordered the Officer of the Day to escort the members of the Sons of Veterans to the Rostrum where they were received and welcomed by the Department Commander in behalf of the Department.

Brothers James D. Smith, Burt Pitcher and W. A. Sparling responded to the address of welcome, expressing their appreciation of our organization and extending their hearty greetings and good will from the Michigan division of the Sons of Veterans.

Comrade L. M. Abbott No. 16, reported that the committee appointed to visit the Daughters of Veterans had performed their duty and had been very cordially received by the ladies.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Comrade Herman Binder of No. 10, reported that the committee to wait upon the G. A. R. had made their visit and that Comrade A. H. Gansser had extended the greetings of the Encampment and the same were responded to by Comrade O. A. Janes in behalf of the G. A. R.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Department Commander Oscar E. Kilstrom's Report.

Headquarters Department of Michigan United Spanish War Veterans,

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 16, 1915.

To the 12th Annual Encampment,
Greeting:

I have the honor to submit my annual report as required by our rules and regulations with such recommendations as the good of our organization suggests:

It has been my desire to merit the honor you conferred upon me at Jackson by earnest effort and faithful service.

A great deal of correspondence has been had with the weaker and smaller camps with the idea of helping them wherever possible. Undoubtedly some good has come therefrom. On August 21, 1914, your Department Commander was invited to participate in a joint meeting of Camps No. 5, No. 9 and

No. 10 at Detroit. The Ladies' Auxiliary attached to said camps were present and helped very materially in making the evening one to be long remembered.

By virtue of his office the Department Commander attended the Eleventh Annual National Encampment held at Louisville, Ky., on August 31st, Sept. 1st and 2nd, 1914. Headquarters were established at Hotel Louisville, where many of our comrades were made to feel at home. It was also very pleasant to meet many former Michigan comrades who happened to be delegates from other states. This was an important Encampment, in that the amendments to our Rules and Regulations that had been introduced at previous Encampments, were presented by the proper committee, argued, discussed and disposed of. Every camp by this time should have a copy of same. Michigan was represented by 17 delegates. Michigan presented the name of Comrade, Past Department Commander, Henry W. Busch for Commander-in-Chief, but was not successful in electing him. The Department Commander wishes to thank those comrades who were so loyal and patriotic in attending. At this Encampment, the printing of the Spanish War Review was discontinued and arrangements made with the American Standard to take care of all matter pertaining to the U. S. W. V. This paper to be furnished to each comrade at 20c per year where the camps subscribe for the same as a whole. As far as I know the arrangement has met with the approval of camps in this Department.

The Department Commander has been honored this year in being asked to participate officially at many of the meetings of the various camps and has endeavored to accept all of the invitations, but his time would not permit.

1914.
Dec. 10, visited Holland Camp No. 38.
Nov. 18, visited Richard Westnege Camp No. 16.
1915.
Jan. 25, visited Soldiers' Home Camp No. 39.

The camps at the same time were inspected by District Inspector John L. Waite. The attendance was good and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested.

Dec. 12, installed the Officers of Holland Camp No. 38.
Jan. 1, installed the Officers of Hazen S. Pingree Camp No. 5.
Jan. 11, installed the Officers of Muskegon Camp No. 41.
Jan. 25, installed the Officers of Soldiers' Home Camp No. 39.

I wish to thank the comrades of these camps for their courtesies extended to me.

By direction of the Commander-in-Chief the Annual "Muster Day" was made a feature this year and April 21st designated as the date. Your Commander accepted invitations from as many camps as his time would allow,

acting as Mustering Officer at Ben E. Rolph Camp No. 22, Coldwater, Mich., April 21st; Guy V. Henry Camp No. 3, Grand Rapids, Mich., April 22nd; J. C. Brown Camp No. 31, Big Rapids, Mich., April 23rd. A large attendance was present and a good entertainment was given at each place.

Correspondence has been had with comrades in Cheboygan, Pontiac, Tecumseh, Battle Creek, Ionia, Benton Harbor, Mt. Clemens, Allegan, Mason, Grand Haven and Petoskey with the purpose of establishing camps there, but so far my efforts have not met with success, with the exception of Petoskey, Allegan and Battle Creek whose petitions are ready, but hope that in the near future, that the knowledge of the laws that have been passed both in this State and Nationally for their benefit, will bring them into our fold.

This Department has been asked by many outside Camps of different states through their Department Officers to assist in righting the wrongs of comrades and otherwise, and has complied therewith to the best of its ability.

LEGISLATION.

During the last Session of the Legislature we have been successful in placing upon the Statute Books of this State the following:

Act No. 47, Providing for Department Headquarters of the U. S. W. V. in the Capitol Building at Lansing, and the publishing and distribution of Department Encampment Proceedings by the State, effecting a saving to the Department of approximately $100.

During the session of 1913, Act No. 217 was enrolled providing for admission to the Soldiers' Home of the widows of the United Spanish War Veterans on the same basis as the widows of the veterans of the Mexican and Civil Wars were admitted. This act has since been declared unconstitutional because of defect in title.

Through thorough organization in the future, we will be able to secure favorable consideration of matters in which we are interested, and especially should we, at the next session of the Legislature, work to secure the passage of the bill for appropriation for the relief of comrades of 1898 to 1902, which passed the Legislature of 1899 and 1901, but was not reported out by the Ways and Means Committee of the House at the last session of the Legislature. Your Legislative Committee consisting of Comrades Gansser, Walter, Fitzgibbon, Rhoads and Presley, gave unsparingly of their time and efforts to secure the enactment of several bills favorable to the United Spanish War Veterans and the Department Commander wishes to express his sincere thanks to these comrades.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

As the state now furnishes us permanent headquarters in the Capitol Building at Lansing, I would recommend that the Department Adjutant be located there.

I would also recommend the following:

State laws providing for relief for soldiers who served in the Philippines, the same as is now granted the veterans of 1898; strengthening of the State Civil Service Laws, giving preference in employment to our Comrades in City, County and State Departments and offices; exemption of veterans' property same as now granted civil war veterans; membership on all state military boards and commissions; increase in burial allowances for our veterans; assisting the National Guard everywhere and all the time; creating a board or commission to make full inquiry and investigation of strikes or industrial disputes, before authorizing the sending out of troops by the Governor; the erection at Lansing of a Soldiers' Memorial Building, in keeping with the power of our great state, and as a lasting monument to the men who freely offered and gave their lives in their Country's service; such building to contain the Military Department, Military Museum, local State Armories, offices of the Michigan Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Spanish War Veterans and such other offices as the needs of the state may dictate; enforcing the laws against desecrating our flag, and the unlawful wearing of the uniforms, buttons or other insignia of the army and navy, G. A. R. and the U. S. W. V.; to secure the relief money due sick comrades of 1898, remaining unpaid because the funds were exhausted and that our Legislative Committee the coming years look well to our interests in all proposed Legislation at Lansing and Washington.

GENERAL.

The exhaustive reports of your Department Adjutant and Quartermaster, together with the report of your Auditing Committee explain and record in full the financial status and transactions of the past year. Here too, we show a marked improvement, due largely to the earnest efforts of your Department Adjutant to get reports and per capita tax in promptly and fully, and I trust this will be a fixed habit for all our camps in the years to come.

Along this line would urge every camp to reach out into neighboring cities and villages, which have no camps, and round up worthy Comrades for membership in your own camps. There is still a wide field for growth in this suggestion.

Each Camp officer should memorize his ritual part, in order to make your meetings shorter and more interesting; official orders should be read with non-essentials omitted, and every comrade must get a copy of our American Standard and Department Orders. Sustain the distinctive character of our organization by uniforming your comrades as far as possible. It is a badge of honor and lends tone to your organization. And let each comrade remember that our little bronze button represents loyal service; money cannot buy it; hence it makes you a marked man in your community; it can honor you only as you honor it.

Every Comrade during the next year should give his loyal support to the Department and his Camp Officers, take part in all its meetings and functions and I am sure your efforts will be crowned with success.

The Department has been fortunate, despite the financial stringency during the year, in reporting all camps in good standing with the exception of one, and we hope to be able to report this camp in good standing by August 1, 1915.

I am glad to announce that the Ladies' Auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans is growing rapidly through the efforts of their Department Officers. Every camp should have an auxiliary. It will stimulate the attendance and growth of your camps and be a great help.

The Department now consists of:

Hazel Pingree Auxiliary No. 1, Detroit.
Traverse City Auxiliary No. 6, Traverse City.
Grace Dennis Barlow Auxiliary No. 7, Coldwater.
Detroit Auxiliary No. 8, Detroit.
Guy V. Henry Auxiliary No. 9, Grand Rapids.

Mary B. Westnedge No. 10, Kalamazoo, is being installed during this Encampment and prospects are good for a large membership.

In conclusion, I desire to express my deep appreciation of the many courtesies and faithful service of my Department Officers, the Officers of Camps and Comrades. In many instances they have given a large amount of their time and attention to matters pertaining to our organization and loyal service of this character will long be remembered by me.

Although I shall soon be relieved from the duties of Department Commander, by the Department Commander elect, I wish to assure you, that I shall he always ready and willing to perform any duty assigned to me, and to aid and assist any worthy comrade as far as it is within my power to do so.

OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Moved by Comrade Harry S. Starkey of No. 10, supported by Comrade O. W. Achard of No. 24 that the report of the Department Commander be accepted as read, printed in the proceedings of the Encampment and that a vote of thanks be tendered by the Department to the Department Commander for his excellent report rendered.

Motion prevailed.

Department Adjutant Frank H. Presley's Report.

Headquarters Office of the Department Adjutant.

Lansing, Mich., June 16, 1915.

The Dept. Commander, Dept. of Michigan, U. S. W. V.

Sir: In compliance with Section 4, Article 7, Rules and Regulations, I have the honor to herewith submit the Annual Report required of the Department Adjutant.

Nothing of an unusual character has occurred during the past year. So far as membership is concerned, we have made a gain of 116. Our membership last year at this time was 1,358. Our present membership, based on Adjutants reports ending December 31, 1914, is 1,474. Fewer suspensions have occurred in the camps for the non-payment of dues that in the preceding years, and many who were suspended in the preceding years have been reinstated, which proves beyond a doubt that many of our comrades realize the great good which may be accomplished by affiliation with our beloved Order.

Appended hereto is a financial report to date, also a tabulated statement showing the membership of the Order as of December 31, 1914, together with the loss or gain made by each camp. The reports from a greater number of camps show that the Order is slowly growing. With a little more active work on the part of some of the camps a decided gain would be made.

Many matters from outside jurisdictions have been presented to the Department for consideration and action. I shall not attempt to enumerate these as the Department Commander in his report will doubtless cover these fully.

The two matters which I shall take up and which I believe you are all vitally interested in are Membership and Finance.

MEMBERSHIP.

It is a regretable fact that the growth for the past year has not been as large as it should have been, especially in the smaller camps. The reason for this in many cases is obvious. Our organization in many camps is weak and we cannot hope to interest eligible comrades outside the camp when we fail to furnish good ritualistic work and occasional smokers for their entertainment. I would strongly urge each camp, no matter how small the membership, to have the ritualistic work letter-perfect if possible, so that the comrades taking the initiatory work may be strongly impressed by the manner of delivery as well as the beautiful lessons taught and axioms laid down. As soon as a comrade is taken in, I would strongly recommend that he be not allowed to sit on the "side lines," but give him something to do,

which will arouse his interest and insure his regular attendance. Have a smoker as frequently as possible and discuss topics of mutual interest, giving each comrade an opportunity to express himself.

While a large membership means strength and is earnestly desired by all, yet if each individual in our present membership of 1,474 will contribute what he can to his respective camp, by frequent attendance at the meetings and a faithful discharge of all the duties assigned to him, a unit organization will be formed which will materially strengthen our Department as a whole, and many matters of a legislative character, both State and National, of vital interest to us, may be handled with success.

FINANCES.

The Annual Per Capita Tax of 50c per member, half of which goes to National Headquarters, is entirely inadequate for the proper administration of Department affairs for a year. The amount is less than $400 with our present membership and with the most rigid economy we are barely able to meet our obligations. The financial report, which gives the distribution of our disbursements in detail, will show how the money was used and you will note that same shows no vouchers for Officers' traveling expenses with the exception of the following:

Sept. 18—O. E. Kilstrom, expenses to Louisville....	$40.78
Jan. 15—J. L. Waite, expenses as Dist. Inspector..	5.29

It is of the utmost importance that we have funds to meet the actual traveling expenses of our Department Inspector and his assistants and others whom the Department Commander may select, to visit weak camps, offering encouragement and suggesting plans which will place them on a sound basis. We could hardly expect our loyal comrades, holding a Department Office to pay their actual traveling expenses and also donate their valuable time.

I desire to call your attention to a matter of vital importance to the Department, one, which my predecessors have mentioned many times, and that is, the evident lack of business methods prevailing throughout the camps in the Department. There has been a slight improvement over preceding years, but there is yet a great chance for betterment. I make an appeal to all Camp Adjutants and Quartermasters in this jurisdiction to make the duties of all our Department Officers as light as possible, by attending, at the earliest possible moment, to any matter presented to them, thereby saving further correspondence and a waste of postage. To have your communications in many cases apparently ignored thereby necessitating sometimes as high as five letters before obtaining the desired information; to be obliged to send back semi-annual reports for correction, when by exercising a little care, errors would not have been made; to have the Quarter-

master's report sent in with check for per capita tax and no Adjutant's report showing the number of members in good standing on which the per capita tax is due,—these are some of the matters which make the work of the Department Adjutant very onerous and disheartening and subjects the Department to severe criticism from National Headquarters. To remedy this condition to some extent I would suggest that camps be particularly careful in selecting the Adjutant and Quartermaster; endeavor to secure comrades who are not only accustomed to clerical work, but who are situated so they can devote a small portion of their time to the duties of the office.

The Department Adjutant trusts that the Department Commander and the comrades present will pardon the strong show of feeling on this subject of procrastination and indifference into which a number of the camps in this Department have fallen. He feels, however, that like strong remedies which are sometimes needed to cure, strong and forcible language is required to arouse camps from the lethargy in which they are unconsciously slumbering.

In conclusion, I wish to express to comrades:—G. E. Rausch, Past Adjutant General; Arthur C. Rogers, Adjutant General; Oscar E. Kilstrom, Dept. Comdr.; Oscar W. Achard, Dept. Quartermaster; August H. Gansser, Dept. Patriotic Instructor and other Department Officers; Camp Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters, my gratitude for their unfailing kindness and help during the past year. In many instances their time and service has been unselfishly given which has greatly benefited the organization and proper recognition of these comrades can hardly be expressed in words. I also wish to express to the comrades my most sincere appreciation for the honor which they have conferred upon me and to assure them that my best efforts at all times will be directed towards strengthening our organization.

Respectfully submitted,
F. H. PRESLEY,
Dept. Adjutant.

MEMBERSHIP.

Twenty-nine camps are in good standing June 17, 1915. The aggregate membership 1,474 as against 1,358 in 30 camps in 1914.

Camps	Gain	Loss	Present
No. 1—Gen. Lawton, Bay City		13	57
No. 3—Guy V. Henry, Grand Rapids	28		131
No. 5—Hazen S. Pingree, Detroit	40		180
No. 6—Seymour Howell, Adrian	3		19
No. 7—Ross Granger, Ann Arbor		1	33
No. 8—John M. Guttman, Monroe		2	27
No. 9—H. M. Duffield, Detroit	28		132

	Gain.	Loss.	Present.
No. 10—Detroit, Detroit	11		143
No. 14—Arthur Heney		4	19
No. 16—Richard Westnedge	2		42
No. 17—Gilbert Wilkes (Naval) Detroit		4	91
No. 19—Sanford Hunt, Jackson	14		47
No. 20—A. J. Babcock, Flint	5		29
No. 21—S. A. Valentine, Escanaba	—	—	16
No. 22—Ben E. Rolph, Coldwater	5		57
No. 23—Hannah, Traverse City	2		63
No. 24—Col. Schmidt, Saginaw	16		49
No. 25—J. Chas. Phillips, Port Huron	—	—	15
No. 28—George Millar, Houghton	7		39
No. 29—Stensil Gilhooley, Manistee	2		21
No. 31—J. C. Brown, Big Rapids		2	39
No. 32—Chas. P. Wheeler, Three Rivers		2	15
No. 34—H. F. Hughart, Sault Ste. Marie		21	
No. 35—George M. Hunt, Owosso		15	12
No. 36—Col. Peterman, Calumet			36
No. 37—S. M. Wheeler, Marquette	—	—	10
No. 38—Holland, Holland		3	17
No. 39—Soldier's Home, Grand Rapids	17		58
No. 40—Major John C. Durst, Lansing	2		34
No. 41—Muskegon, Muskegon	1		43
	183	67	1,474

RECEIPTS—GENERAL.

To balance on hand from Q. M. July 1, 1914	$56 01
Total receipts for tax, supplies and other sources	928 00
Total	$984 01

RECEIPTS FOR CAMP TAX AND SUPPLIES.

Camps	Tax	Supplies	Total
No. 1	$33 50		$33 50
No. 3	78 60	$13 05	91 65
No. 5	101 00		101 00
No. 6	10 00	2 40	12 40
No. 7	19 80		19 80
No. 8	16 90		16 90
No. 9	75 35	24 30	99 65
No. 10	84 05	17 75	101 80
No. 14	12 80		12 80
No. 16	24 50	2 40	26 90

	Tax.	Supplies.	Total.
No. 17	$56 00		$56 00
No. 19	25 40	$12 20	37 60
No. 20	18 45		18 45
No. 21	9 60		9 60
No. 22	34 20		34 20
No. 23	37 80	4 30	42 10
No. 24	29 05	7 70	36 75
No. 25	9 00		9 00
No. 28	22 35	4 50	26 85
No. 29	12 95		12 95
No. 31	24 10	2 25	26 35
No. 32	10 05		10 05
No. 34			
No. 35	9 30		9 30
No. 36			
No. 37	6 00		6 00
No. 38	11 25	3 00	14 25
No. 39		12 50	12 50
No. 40	19 70	4 50	24 20
No. 41	25 45		25 45
	$817 15	$110 85	$928 00

Received from former administration..... $56 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

1914.	
July 25.—Adjutant General—Supplies.....	$32 51
Aug. 4.—F. H. Presley, postage and miscellaneous.....	27 24
Aug. 15.—W. J. Allmand—Expenses to Buffalo.....	21 70
Aug. 15—A. H. Gansser—Expenses during Administration.....	43 20
Aug. 15.—Ambrose Talmadge—Expenses as District Insp.....	13 60
Aug. 18.—G. E. Rausch, Adjt. Gen'l.—Nat'l Per Cap. Tax.....	200 74
Aug. 22.—G. E. Rausch, Adjt. Gen'l—Dept. Comdr's Badge....	1 25
Aug. 29—G. E. Rausch, Adjt. Gen'l—Nat'l Per Cap. Tax.....	67 07
Sept. 18.—O. E. Kilstrom, expenses to Louisville, Ky.....	40 78
Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., Printing.....	77 65
Oct. 7.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Nat'l Per Cap. Tax.....	33 53
Oct. 24.—F. H. Presley, Postage, etc—.....	11 59
Dec. 1.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adj't Gen. Supplies.....	10 00
Dec. 12.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adj't Gen. Supplies.....	3 00
1915.	
Jan. 15.—J. L. Waite, Dist. Insp. Expenses.....	5 29
Feb. 1.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjutant Gen. Supplies.....	1 25
Feb. 1.—O. W. Achard, Dept. Q. M. Salary.....	5 00

Feb. 1—F. H. Presley, Dept. Adjt. Salary	$45 00
Feb. 1.—F. H. Presley, Dept. Adjt. Postage, etc.	7 12
Feb. 6.—C. W. Barton, Premium on bonds of Q. M. and Adjt.	10 00
Mar. 22.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Per Capita Tax	133 69
Mar. 22.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Supplies	9 93
Mar. 22.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Supplies	2 00
Apr. 23.—Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co. Printing	13 25
Apr. 23.—F. H. Presley, Dept. Adjt. Postage, ptg., etc.	10 56
Apr. 23.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Supplies	20 58
May 20.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Supplies	75
May 26.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Supplies	8 25
June 5.—O. W. Achard, Dept. Q. M.—Salary	5 00
June 5.—F. H. Presley, Dept. Adjt. Postage, Salary, etc.	52 74
June 5—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Per Capita Tax	34 28
June 9.—Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co. Ptg. in full	10 75
June 9.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Supplies	12 00
June 14.—Arthur C. Rogers, Adjt. Gen. Per Capita Tax	6 88
	$978 18

SUMMARY.

Total receipts	$984 01
Disbursements	978 18
Balance on hand	$5 83

Moved by Comrade John L. Burkart, Dept. Historian, supported by Comrade G. A. Dick No. 5, that the report of the Department Adjutant be accepted as read, printed in the proceedings of the Encampment and that a vote of thanks be tendered by the Department to the Department Adjutant for his efficient report.

Motion prevailed.

Department Quartermaster O. W. Achard's Report.

Office of the Department Quartermaster,

Leslie, Mich., June 17, 1915.

To the Department Commander,
Dept. of Michigan, U. S. W. V.

Sir: In compliance with Section 4, Article 7, Rules and Regulations of Department Encampment, and General Order No. 4, Series 1914-15, I have the honor to herewith submit the Annual Report required of the Department Quartermaster.

The receipts and disbursements of the Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915 are as folows:

RECEIPTS.

Received from retiring Dept. Q. M. J. L. McCormick	$56 01
Received from Camps for National Per Capita Tax	476 19
Received from Camps for Dept. Per Capita Tax	340 96
Received from Camps for Supplies	110 85
Total	$984 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Adjutant General for National Per Capita Tax	$476 19
To Adjutant General for Supplies	101 52
To Department Adjutant (Salary for year)	90 00
To Department Quartermaster (Salary for year)	10 00
To Department Adjutant for postage, express	37 37
Telephone calls, etc.	
To Past Dept. Officers for expenses incurred in former administration	78 50
To Department Officers for Traveling Expenses	46 07
To Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co. (Printing for year)	107 65
To Miscellaneous	20 88
To C. W. Barton,—Premium on Dept. Adjt. and Q. M. Bonds	10 00
Total	$978 18

The receipts and disbursements are itemized as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Received from retiring Dept. Q. M. J. L. McCormick	$56 01
Camp No. 6, supplies	60
Camp No. 35, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 18 members to Dec. 31, '14	4 05
Camp No. 35, Dept. Per Capita Tax 18 members to Dec. 31, '14	2 25
Camp No. 6, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 15 members to Dec. 31, '14	3 38
Camp No. 6, Dept. Per Capita Tax 15 members to Dec. 31, '14	1 87
Camp No. 40 Nat'l Per Capita Tax 32 members to Dec. 31, '14	7 20
Camp No. 40, Dept. Per Capita Tax 32 members to Dec. 31, '14	4 00
Camp No. 22, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 57 members to Dec. 31, '14	12 83
Camp No. 22, Dept. Per Capita Tax 57 members to Dec. 31, '14	7 12
Camp No. 16, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 40 members to Dec. 31, '14	9 00
Camp No. 16 Dept. Per Capita Tax 40 members to Dec. 31, '14	5 00
Camp No. 14, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 23 members to Dec. 31, '14	5 18

Camp No. 14, Dept. Per Capita Tax 23 members to Dec. 31, '14....	$2 87
Camp No. 23, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 63 members to Dec. 31, '14....	14 18
Camp No. 23, Dept. Per Capita Tax 63 members to Dec. 31, '14....	7 87
Camp No. 20 Nat'l Per Capita Tax 32 members to Dec. 31, '14....	7 20
Camp No. 20, Dept. Per Capita Tax 32 members to Dec. 31, '14....	4 00
Camp No. 9, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 121 members to Dec. 31, '14....	27 23
Camp No. 9, Dept. Per Capita Tax 121 members to Dec. 31, '14....	15 12
Camp No. 8, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 29 members to Dec. 31, '14....	6 53
Camp No. 8, Dept. Per Capita Tax 29 members to Dec. 31, '14....	3 62
Camp No. 5, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 160 members to Dec. 31, '14....	36 00
Camp No. 5, Dept. Per Capita Tax 160 members to Dec. 31, '14....	20 00
Camp No. 3, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 131 members to Dec. 31, '14....	29 48
Camp No. 3, Dept. Per Capita Tax 131 members to Dec. 31, '14....	16 37
Camp No. 32, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 18 members to Dec. 31, '14....	4 05
Camp No. 32, Dept. Per Capita Tax 18 members to Dec. 31, '14....	2 25
Camp No. 10, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 138 members to Dec. 31, '14....	31 05
Camp No. 10, Dept. Per Capita Tax 138 members to Dec. 31, '14....	17 25
Camp No. 25, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 15 members to Dec. 31, '14....	3 38
Camp No. 25, Dept. Per Capita Tax 15 members to Dec. 31, '14....	1 87
Camp No. 38, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 20 members to Dec. 31, '14....	4 50
Camp No. 38, Dept. Per Capita Tax 20 members to Dec. 31, '14....	2 50
Camp No. 40, Supplies	2 00
Camp No. 19, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 39 members to Dec. 31, '14....	8 78
Camp No. 19, Dept. Per Capita Tax 39 members to Dec. 31, '14....	4 87
Camp No. 17, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 95 members to Dec. 31, '14....	21 38
Camp No. 17, Dept. Per Capita Tax 95 members to Dec. 31, '14....	11 87
Camp No. 24, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 48 members to Dec. 31, '14....	10 80
Camp No. 24, Dept. Per Capita Tax 48 members to Dec. 31, '14....	6 00
Camp No. 1, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 55 members to Dec. 31, '14....	12 38
Camp No. 1, Dept. Per Capita Tax 55 members to Dec. 31, '14....	6 87
Camp No. 31, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 41 members to Dec. 31, '14....	9 23
Camp No. 31, Dept. Per Capita Tax 41 members to Dec. 31, '14....	5 12
Camp No. 28, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 36 members to Dec. 31, '14....	8 10
Camp No. 28, Dept. Per Capita Tax 36 members to Dec. 31, '14....	4 50
Camp No. 7, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 33 members to Dec. 31, '14....	7 43
Camp No. 7, Dept. Per Capita Tax 33 members to Dec. 31, '14....	4 12
Camp No. 29, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 22 members to Dec. 31, '14....	4 95
Camp No. 29, Dept. Per Capita Tax 22 members to Dec. 31, '14....	2 75
Camp No. 21, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 16 members to Dec. 31, '14....	3 60
Camp No. 21, Dept. Per Capita Tax 16 members to Dec. 31, '14....	2 00
Camp No. 3, Supplies	1 25
Camp No. 19, Supplies	10 10
Camp No. 41, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 42 members to Dec. 31, '14....	9 45
Camp No. 41, Dept. Per Capita Tax 42 members to Dec. 31, '14....	5 25

Camp No. 3, Supplies	$0 60
Camp No. 10, Supplies	11 70
Camp No. 38, Supplies	1 50
Camp No. 9, Supplies	3 00
Camp No. 19, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 47 members to June 30, '15....	5 88
Camp No. 19, Dept. Per Capita Tax 47 members to June 30, '15....	5 87
Camp No. 19, Supplies	2 10
Camp No. 6, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 19 members to June 30, '15....	2 38
Camp No. 6, Dept. Per Capita Tax 19 members to June 30, '15....	2 37
Camp No. 6, Supplies	1 80
Camp No. 38, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 17 members to June 30, '15....	2 13
Camp No. 38, Dept. Per Capita Tax 17 members to June 30, '15....	2 12
Camp No. 8, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 27 members to June 30, '15....	3 38
Camp No. 8, Dept. Per Capita Tax 27 members to June 30, '15....	3 37
Camp No. 23, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 63 members to June 30, '15....	7 88
Camp No. 23, Dept. Per Capita Tax 63 members to June 30, '15....	7 87
Camp No. 24, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 49 members to June 30, '15....	6 13
Camp No. 24, Dept. Per Capita Tax 49 members to June 30, '15....	6 12
Camp No. 16, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 42 members to June 30, '15....	5 25
Camp No. 16, Dept. Per Capita Tax 42 members to June 30, '15....	5 25
Camp No. 9, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 132 members to June 30, '15....	16 50
Camp No. 9, Dept. Per Capita Tax 132 members to June 30, '15....	16 50
Camp No. 22, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 57 members to June 30, '15....	7 13
Camp No. 22, Dept Per Capita Tax 57 members to June 30, '15....	7 12
Camp No. 32, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 15 members to June 30, '15....	1 88
Camp No. 32, Dept. Per Capita Tax 15 members to June 30, '15....	1 87
Camp No. 40, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 34 members to June 30, '15....	4 25
Camp No. 40, Dept. Per Capita Tax 34 members to June 30, '15....	4 25
Camp No. 14, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 19 members to June 30, '15....	2 38
Camp No. 14, Dept. Per Capita Tax 19 members to June 30, '15....	2 37
Camp No. 31, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 39 members to June 30, '15....	4 88
Camp No. 31, Dept. Per Capita Tax 39 members to June 30, '15....	4 87
Camp No. 21, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 16 members to June 30, '15....	2 00
Camp No. 21, Dept. Per Capita Tax 16 members to June 30, '15....	2 00
Camp No. 31, Supplies	1 50
Camp No. 5, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 180 members to June 30, '15....	22 50
Camp No. 5, Dept. Per Capita Tax 180 members to June 30, '15....	22 50
Camp No. 10, Supplies	1 25
Camp No. 10, Supplies	1 20
Camp No. 23, Supplies	1 50
Camp No. 3, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 131 members to June 30, '15....	16 38
Camp No. 3, Dept. Per Capita Tax 131 members to June 30, '15....	16 37
Camp No. 10, Supplies	3 60
Camp No. 28, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 39 members to June 30, '15....	4 88

Camp No. 28, Dept. Per Capita Tax 39 members to June 30, '15....	$4 87
Camp No. 28, Supplies	4 50
Camp No. 39, Supplies	12 50
Camp No. 16, Supplies	1 65
Camp No. 24, Supplies	5 70
Camp No. 10, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 143 members to June 30, '15....	17 88
Camp No. 10, Dept. Per Capita Tax 143 members to June 30, '15....	17 87
Camp No. 31, Supplies	75
Camp No. 23, Supplies	2 80
Camp No. 20, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 29 members to June 30, '15....	3 63
Camp No. 20, Dept. Per Capita Tax 29 members to June 30, '15....	3 62
Camp No. 1, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 57 members to June 30, '15....	7 13
Camp No. 1, Dept Per Capita Tax 57 members to June 30, '15....	7 12
Camp No. 3, Supplies	6 25
Camp No. 17, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 91 members to June 30, '15....	11 38
Camp No. 17, Dept. Per Capita Tax 91 members to June 30, '15....	11 37
Camp No. 24, Supplies	2 00
Camp No. 25, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 15 members to June 30, '15....	1 88
Camp No. 25, Dept. Per Capita Tax 15 members to June 30, 15....	1 87
Camp No. 9, Supplies	13 80
Camp No. 37, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 10 members to Dec. 31, '14....	2 25
Camp No. 37, Dept. Per Capita Tax 10 members to Dec. 31, '14....	1 25
Camp No. 37, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 10 members to June 30, '15....	1 25
Camp No. 37, Dept. Per Capita Tax 10 members to June 30, '15....	1 25
Camp No. 29, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 21 members June 30, '15....	2 63
Camp No. 29, Dept. Per Capita Tax 21 members to June 30, '15....	2 62
Camp No. 7, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 33 members to June 30, '15....	4 13
Camp No. 7, Dept. Per Capita Tax 33 members to June 30, '15....	4 12
Camp No. 40, Supplies	2 50
Camp No. 9, Supplies	7 50
Camp No. 16, Supplies	75
Camp No. 41, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 43 members to June 30, '15....	5 38
Camp No. 41, Dept Per Capita Tax 43 members to June 30, '15....	5 37
Camp No. 38, Supplies (Balance due).....	1 50
Camp No. 35, Nat'l Per Capita Tax 12 members to June 30, '15....	1 50
Camp No. 35, Dept. Per Capita Tax 12 members to June 30, '15....	1 50
	$984 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Voucher No. 231.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	$32 51
Voucher No. 232.	F. H. Presley, Expenses, postage, etc	27 24
Voucher No. 233.	W. J. Allmand, Expenses to Buffalo	21 70
Voucher No. 234.	A. H. Gansser, Expenses during Adm	43 20
Voucher No. 235.	Ambrose Talmage, Expenses as Dist. Insp	13 60
Voucher No. 236.	National Hdqrs., Per Capita Tax	200 74
Voucher No. 237.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	1 25
Voucher No. 238.	National Hdqrs., Per Capita Tax	67 07
Voucher No. 239.	O. E. Kilstrom, Expenses to Louisville	40 78
Voucher No. 240.	Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., Printing	77 65
Voucher No. 241.	National Hdqrs., Per Capita Tax	33 53
Voucher No. 242.	F. H. Presley, Postage, express, etc	11 59
Voucher No. 243.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	10 00
Voucher No. 244.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	3 00
Voucher No. 245.	J. L. Waite, Ex. as Dist. Inspector	5 29
Voucher No. 246.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	1 25
Voucher No. 247.	O. W. Achard, Dept. Q. M. Salary, Jan. 1, '15	5 00
Voucher No. 248.	F. H. Presley, Dept. Adjt. Salary, Jan. 1, '15	45 00
Voucher No. 249.	F. H. Presley, Postage, etc	7 12
Voucher No. 250.	C. W. Barton, Premium on bonds, Q. M. & Adjt.	10 00
Voucher No. 251.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	9 93
Voucher No. 252.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	2 00
Voucher No. 253.	National Hdqrs., Per Capita Tax	133 69
Voucher No. 254.	Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., Printing	13 25
Voucher No. 255.	F. H. Presley, Postage, etc	10 56
Voucher No. 256.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	20 58
Voucher No. 257.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	75
Voucher No. 258.	National Hdqrs., Supplies	8 25
Voucher No. 259.	O. W. Achard, Salary Q. M. to July 1	5 00
Voucher No. 260.	F. H. Presley, Salary Adjt. to July 1 and postage, etc.	52 74
Voucher No. 261.	National Hdqrs., Per Capita Tax	34 28
Voucher No. 262.	Wynkoop Hallenbeck, Printing in full to date	10 75
Voucher No. 263.	Arthur C. Rogers, Supplies	12 00
Voucher No. 264.	Arthur C. Rogers, Per Capita Tax in full for 28 camps to 6/30/15	6 88
		$978 18

SUPPLIES PURCHASED

During fiscal year ending July 1, 1915.

45	Lapel buttons (Maine) @	25	$11 25
150	Lapel buttons	15	22 50
25	Membership Badges	75	18 75
1	Dept. Comdr's Badges		1 25
2	Past Comdr's Jewels	5 00	10 00
1	Chaplain's badges complete		1 25
10	Officers Badges	1 25	12 50
1	Dept. Aide-de-Camp Badges		1 50
1	Dept. Adjutant's badge		1 00
1	Dept. Quartermaster's badge		1 00
2	Miniature Membership Badges	75	1 50
1	1¼″ Electrotype of Badge		50
1	2-⅝″ Electrotype of Badge		75
30	Hat Cords (comrades)	25	7 50
1	Grave Marker		60
50	Card Cases	10	5 00
10	Receipt books to fit visiting card cases	60	6 00
5	Pads of due notices	30	1 50
2	Pads Delinquent Notices	30	60
1	Pad Q. M. Report Blanks		1 00
25	Rituals	50	12 50
2	Descriptive Books	1 50	3 00
	Total		$121 45

33⅓% discount on $95.79 of the above supplies	$31 93	
Paid National Headquarters to balance	89 52	
June 9, Add 24 Mem. Badges (net)	12 00	$121 45
Total paid National Hdqrs	$101 52	

During the Session of the Ninth Annual Encampment, July 11, 1912, at Sault Ste. Marie, a resolution was adopted providing "that the Department Adjutant should furnish all supplies and that he should render a statement to the Department Encampment of all supplies purchased and sold during the year."

By the adoption of this resolution the duties of the Department Quartermaster were, to a large extent, made purely nominal, however, it has been my aim in the foregoing report to show in detail the receipts from each Camp and the expenditures by the Department in order to furnish information to the Department as a whole and facilitate the work of the Auditing Committee.

I desire to call the attention of the Department to the fact that during the past year we have paid out $78.50 for traveling expenses of officers of former administration.

The report of the Department Adjutant with regard to the expenditure of funds at Department Headquarters as shown by properly executed warrants, is correct and just to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I verify his statement of same.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the honor my comrades have conferred on me and to assure them of my untiring interest in the Organization.

Respectfully submitted,
O. W. ACHARD,
Dept. Quartermaster.

Moved by Comrade H. S. Starky No. 10, supported by Comrade Assistant Department Adjutant Charles S. Norris No. 41, that the report of the Department Quartermaster be accepted, printed in the Department Proceedings and a vote of thanks be extended to Dept. Q. M. by the Department for his faithful service.

Motion Prevailed.

Department Inspector—Ambrose Talmage's Report.

Office of Department Inspector,

Coldwater, Mich., June 16, 1915.

To the Twelfth Department Encampment,
Department of Michigan United Spanish War Veterans:

Comrades: I have the honor to herewith submit the Annual report required by the Department Inspector.

The appointment of District Inspectors lies with the Department Commander and while he undoubtedly makes as good a selection as any one could I believe that power should be vested in the Department Inspector.

On assuming the office of Department Inspector it was my intention to have each Camp in this Department inspected twice during my term of office. This, however, has been a failure, except in District number four which is my own District comprising the Camps in Jackson, Ann Arbor, Adrian, Monroe, and Coldwater.

Some of the District Inspectors appointed by Department Commander Kilstrom did not qualify and they were slow in notifying me of the fact and as a consequence it was impossible for me to notify Commander Kilstrom and have him appoint others to complete the fall inspection, therefore there were but a few Camps inspected last fall.

I believe the Camps should be inspected twice a year; in the fall, from Sept. 1st to Nov. 1st and in the spring from Mar. 1st to May 1st. To this

end I sent a letter during the winter to each District Inspector ordering them to inspect each camp in their respective districts and mail reports to me not later than May 20th. But the District Inspectors did not obey orders and I have no reports of inspection for the year from any Camps outside of District No. 4 made by District Inspectors, except a report of Holland Camp No. 38 by District Inspector, John L. Waite made Nov. 19, 1914; and a report of Hannah Camp No. 23, Traverse City, made by Joseph V. McIntosh on January 15th, 1915, which show said camps to be in a good condition.

District Inspector E. A. Finney and myself inspected Seymour Howell Camp No. 6 at Adrian, May 10th and found said camp in good condition.

I personally inspected Sanford Hunt Camp No. 19 at Jackson, Dec. 8 and May 4th, which camp I found in a very flourishing and healthy condition with a lot of live wires and willing workers. This camp has mustered in a good number of recruits in the past year and I sincerely hope the good work will continue until there is not a comrade in the city of Jackson that does not belong to the Camp.

The comrades that take an interest in and love the organization must keep pounding away and pointing out to the comrades that are indifferent and do not show an interest in our beloved organization, the aims and objects and the benefits they will receive, and it is their duty to help keep the organization alive if not so much for their own good, then for the good of worthy and needy Comrades, less fortunate than ourselves and by so doing we show the true spirit of comradeship.

This office has received reports from:
District No. 1.—No reports.
District No. 2.—Holland and Muskegon.
District No. 3.—Pingree Camp.
Detroit No. 10.
District No. 4.—Jackson, Monroe, Adrian, Ann Arbor and Coldwater.
District No. 5.—Traverse City.
District No. 6.—No reports.

Comrades the foregoing does not look good to me and it is not the report I would like to make, but it is the condition as it is, I am sorry to say, and which I hope will not occur again. There are, however, several camps from which I have no reports, which I have reasons to believe and do believe are in a healthy condition.

I would very much like to have made an inspection of each camp in the Department personally, but time and my financial circumstances would not allow me to do so.

I am sorry to report I trusted too much to the District Inspectors as the most of them failed to inspect the camps in their respective district and did not forward any reports to me.

I trust the Department Commander for the coming year will appoint District Inspectors that will be on the job and inspect all the camps in their respective districts at least once during their term of office.

On May 17th, I attended the annual reunion of the 31st Michigan Volunteers at Adrian, partly for the purpose of working for recruits for the Adrian Camp, and will say I received the promise from several comrades that they would join the camp on the next regular night of the camp which was June 14.

I would respectfully urge all Camps to endorse the Ladies Auxiliary of U. S. W. V. as it gives us a helping hand and I know it has been a good thing for Ben E. Rolph Camp of Coldwater. For the good of the organization I urge that all camps have at least one meeting each month. That each comrade work for recruits. Have an annual banquet, arrange a program, send invitation to different Department officers and camp commanders and comrades to attend. Let the Ladies Auxiliary serve the menu and I know from the experience of Ben E. Rolph Camp that it creates a stronger comradeship among the boys and in many ways helps the camp.

Our organization is a worthy one and the little bronze button is worth more than gold to me, so I urge that all comrades work for recruits and the betterment of the same. Do not wait until next year. Today is the time. In a few years you may want some legislation for the benefit of yourself or some comrade, then it may be too late. Boost the organization now and in later years you can enjoy the fruits of your labor and the blessings of the country under whose flag you fought and went forth to defend.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

J. C. Brown, Camp No. 31, was inspected on April 18th by Joseph V. McIntosh, District Inspector and report shows said Camp to be in good Condition.

Guy V. Henry Camp, No. 3, was inspected by John L. Waite, District Inspector on Jan. 14, 1915 and found in flourishing condition, I regret to say Guy V. Henry Camp had a loss by suspension of nine members and one by death in the last year, but all Camps lose more or less by suspension, it is not the fault of the Camps, it is the fault of the Comrades themselves and I hope the day is not far distant when they will see their mistake and come back into the ranks.

Soldiers' Home Camp, No. 39, was also inspected by Dist. Inspector John L. Waite on Jan. 25th and found in good condition, with a membership of 48 and an attendance of 33 comrades at inspection, which is unusually good.

I regret to say these reports did not reach me in time to be embodied in my report at Department Encampment held in Kalamazoo.

Fraternally yours,
AMBROSE TALMAGE,
Department Inspector.

Moved by Comrade Charles S. Norris, Assistant Dept. Adjt., supported by John L. Burkart, Dept. Historian, that the report of the Dept. Inspector, be printed in the proceedings of the Encampment and that the Department tender Comrade Talmage a vote of thanks.

Motion prevailed.

Department Historian—John L. Burkart's Report.

Department of Michigan, Office of Dept. Historian,

Lansing, Mich., June 16, 1915.

The Department Commander, Department of Michigan, U. S. W. V.,

Sir and Comrade: I have the honor to submit my Annual Report as Department Historian for the term ending June 30, 1915, in compliance with Section 11 of Article 7, Rules and Regulations.

The first half of the year yielded very meagre food for the basis of this report, but the latter half, and particularly the period January to May 20, 1915, during the Session of the Legislature, furnished much of interest to the Department and the Historian.

The most important occurrence probably was the introduction of Senate Bill No. 291 by Comrade Gansser, Senator from Bay City, which provided for State habitation for the Department Adjutant, U. S. W. V. Dept. of Mich., and appropriates sufficient funds to defray the expenses of the printing and distribution of our Department Encampment Proceedings. This was passed by both Houses, promptly signed by the Governor and will become a State Law after August 25, 1915.

The Department will be relieved of Annual expense of at least $125 when the law is operative.

Senate Bill No. 115, File 153, providing $30,000 to pay sick and relief claims of 1898 was introduced by Comrade Walter of Traverse City, was promptly reported out of the Military Committee, was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee where it was strangled to death because of alleged want of funds. Despite the efforts of Comrades Walter, Fitzgibbon and Gansser, Senators from Traverse City, Port Huron and Bay City respectively; Representatives Noble Ashley of Detroit, Marshal A. Oakley of Bay County, aided by Department Commander Kilstrom, Department Adjutant Presley, Department Historian, Comrade Pope and others, the debt of honor to the Boys 1898 is still unpaid and the money expended for medical attendance, nursing and medicines, by the victims of the service in Cuba, Florida and the other southern States is still unrefunded by the State whose duty it was to care for these men.

The Attorney General's Department of Michigan advise that the Michigan law giving G. A. R. and U. S. W. V. preference in City, County and State employment was sound and intended to protect these men against unjust dismissal by local ordinances. Consequently the stand taken by Camp No. 16, Kalamazoo, relative to the dismissal of Comrade Fisher under a city ordinance was well founded. The state is greater than any of its component parts.

Our four comrades in the Legislature helped to pass the measures forbidding use of our President's pictures for liquor advertisements; the desecration of the flag; providing for the reading of the Declaration of Independence once each month in Public Schools; strengthening the laws for soldier's relief by Cities and Counties; giving U. S. W. V. Armory rights, control of armories and providing additional funds for Owosso and Grand Rapids armories; strengthening the Michigan National Guard (Senator Gansser's bill No. 239 File 186) providing armories for naval reserves; providing funds for the Soldier's Home and refunding inmates pensions; providing funds for Gettysburg and Vicksburg reunion deficiencies; providing new monument for Shiloh battlefield and Michigan Statue at Arlington.

The following bills passed the Senate and were killed in the House by "noxious gases" being introduced into the trenches: Philippine Veterans Monument for Detroit. Also U. S. W. V. tax exemption same as G. A. R.

Senate Bill No. 291, File No. 232, recognizes the U. S. W. V. as the successors to the G. A. R. Reciprocal relations existed between these two organizations during the Session, our interests are mutual; let us not present a divided front to the enemy.

The strengthening of our National defenses is of paramount importance and all measures tending to this end were supported.

I have reserved the best wine for the feast and now report the passage of Senate Bill No. 379, File No. 346, framed by the Department Historian, introduced by Senator Murtha of Detroit and by him, with the assistance of our comrades of the G. A. R. and U. S. W. V., carried through Senate and House victoriously. This bill provides for the appropriation of $100,000 with which a relentless war will be waged against the great common enemy of mankind—Tuberculosis, during the next two years. Surely we have cause to rejoice over these glorious achievements.

In conclusion I respectfully call the attention of the Department to the fact that among the many employees of the State at Lansing, only three are Spanish War Veterans.

The writer has not overlooked his comrades when an opportunity presented and has given one comrade and a daughter of a deceased G. A. R. Comrade employment in his Department, and regrets that more openings do not present.

If any little love of mine can make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine may make a friend's the fleeter
If any lift may ease the burden of another,
God give me Love and Care and Strength
To aid my toiling Brother.

Very respectfully,
JNO. L. BURKART,
Dept. Historian.

Moved by Comrade M. M. Daniels of No. 31, supported by Comrade Charles S. Norris, Ass't Dept. Adjutant, that the report of the Department Historian be accepted as read, printed in the proceedings of the Encampment and that a vote of thanks be tendered for his excellent report.

Motion prevailed.

The following resolution was presented by Comrade Harry S. Starkey No. 10 and supported by Comrade John L. Burkart, Dept. Historian.

Resolved, That the Department Commander draft a suitable telegram to President Woodrow Wilson expressing the loyalty of the U. S. W. V. of the Department of Michigan in convention assembled at Kalamazoo, Michigan, this date, pledging its united support in such action as he may deem wise in the present distressing conditions and that the Department Commander forward this expression at his earliest opportunity.

Resolution adopted.

Complying with the provisions of the above resolution the following telegram was forwarded to President Woodrow Wilson:

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 17, 1915.

To the President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

The Department of Michigan, United Spanish War Veterans, in convention assembled at Kalamazoo, Michigan, this date appreciating the critical situation confronting you at this time, pledges its united support to you in any action that you may deem wise.

Sig.: OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Dept. Commander.

In answer to the above telegram the following letter was received from the President:

The White House,
Washington,

June 18, 1915.

My dear Commander Kilstrom:

The President has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your kind message of June 17th, and to thank you most heartily for it. He desires me to assure you, and through you, the members of the Department of Michigan, United Spanish War Veterans, of his deep appreciation of this expression of confidence and support.

Sincerely yours,
J. V. TUMULTY,
Secretary to the President.

Commander Oscar E. Kilstrom,
Department of Michigan U. S. W. V.,
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Comrade Harry S. Starkey No. 10, made the following motion, supported by Comrade John L. Burkart, Dept. Historian.

"That the Department Commander forward fraternal greeting from this Department to the Department of Wisconsin in convention assembled at Marinette, Wisconsin."

Motion prevailed.

In compliance with the above the following telegram was sent.

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 17, 1915.

To the Department Commander,
Dept. of Wisconsin, U. S. W. V.
Marinette, Wis.

The Department of Michigan in convention assembled at Kalamazoo, Mich., this date, sends fraternal greetings and extends best wishes for continued prosperity and success of our grand order and the splendid work it is doing in fostering loyalty to the flag.

Sig.: OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Moved by Comrade Harry S. Starkey, No. 10, supported by Comrade George A. Dick, No. 5, that this Department through its proper officials, enter a protest to the Governor and the Adjutant General of the state of Michigan, against the renumbering of the present regiments of the Michigan National Guard with numbers which belong to the Regiments which served in the Spanish American War.

Motion prevailed.

Complying with the above motion the following telegram was forwarded:

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 17, 1915.

To the Adjutant General,
Lansing, Mich.

The Department of Michigan, U. S. W. V. in convention assembled at Kalamazoo, Michigan, this date, unanimously adopted resolutions protesting against the renumbering of the present regiments of the Michigan National Guard with numbers which belong to the regiments which served in the Spanish American War.

Sig.: OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Moved by Comrade L. W. Kunze, No. 10, supported by Comrade R. G. Spoor, No. 16, that the session stand adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning, June 18, 1915.

Motion prevailed.

FRIDAY—JUNE 18, 1915.

Morning Session.

Encampment called to order at 9:20 A. M. in the Convention Hall, Hotel Burdick, Kalamazoo, Mich., by Department Commander Oscar E. Kilstrom.

Invocation by Comrade John A. Tremble, Acting Chaplain.

The Department Commander appointed Comrade F. D. Davenport, Acting Marshal Pro Tem.

The colors were paraded by the Marshal.

The Department Commander called the following Past Dept. Commanders to the rostrum:

Wm. G. Ward, Camp No. 31, Big Rapids, Mich.
Jos. B. Westnedge, Camp No. 16, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Henry W. Busch, Camp No. 5, Detroit, Mich.
Fred R. Schmalzreidt, Camp No. 5, Detroit, Mich.
John Considine, Camp No. 10, Detroit, Mich.
August H. Gansser, Camp No. 1, Bay City, Mich.
Joseph V. McIntosh, Camp No. 23, Traverse City, Mich.

Roll call showed the following officers present:

Oscar E. Kilstrom, Department Commander.
George W. Trickey, Senior Vice Department Commander.

John A. Sibley, Junior Vice Department Commander.
F. H. Presley, Department Adjutant.
O. W. Achard, Department Quartermaster.
Ambrose Talmage, Department Inspector.
Clyde F. Karshner, Department Surgeon.
Jos. Westnedge, Department Marshal.
John L. Burkart, Department Historian.
Robert A. Best, Assistant Department Quartermaster.
Charles S. Norris, Assistant Department Adjutant Pro Tem.
A. H. Gansser, Department Patriotic Instructor.
William G. Ward, Department Chief-of-Staff.

Minutes of the Sessions of June 16 and 17th were read and approved.

The Committee on credentials reported that twenty-eight camps were entitled to representation as follows:

General Lawton, No. 1, Bay City.
Guy V. Henry, No. 3, Grand Rapids.
Hazen S. Pingree, No. 5, Detroit.
Seymour Howell, No. 6, Adrian.
Ross Granger, No. 7, Ann Arbor.
John M. Gutmann, No. 8, Monroe.
H. M. Duffield, No. 9, Detroit.
Detroit, No. 10, Detroit.
Arthur Heney, No. 14, Alpena.
Richard Westnedge, No. 16, Kalamazoo.
Gilbert Wilkes (Naval), No. 17, Detroit.
Sanford Hunt, No. 19, Jackson.
A. J. Babcock, No. 20, Flint.
S. A. Valentine, No. 21, Escanaba.
Ben E. Rolph, No, 22, Coldwater.
Hannah, No. 23, Traverse City.
Col. Schmidt, No. 24, Saginaw.
J. Chas. Phillips, No. 25, Port Huron.
George Millar, No. 28, Houghton.
Stensil Gilhooley, No. 29, Manistee.
J. C. Brown, No. 31, Big Rapids.
Chas. P. Wheeler, No. 32, Three Rivers.
George M. Hunt, No. 35, Owosso.
S. M. Wheeler, No. 37, Marquette.
Holland, No. 38, Holland.
Soldier's Home, No. 39, Grand Rapids.
Maj. John C. Durst, No. 40, Lansing.
Muskegon, No. 41, Muskegon.

Comrade W. W. Watson of Camp No. 9, supported by Comrade John F. Atkinson moved that the report of the Credential Committee be accepted. (Carried.)

The Department Commander called on the Camps for the names of the Comrades who have died during the past year and the Camps responded as follows:

Camp No. 3.	Gilbert Dyke.
	Frank Michalak.
	Glen W. Gale.
	Henry G. Mershon.
	Truman Ames.
Camp No. 5.	Martin J. O'Donovan.
	Cunningham.
	Swanberg
Camp No. 9.	Chas. M. Fairbanks,
Camp No. 10.	Moses A. Hart.
	William A. Anderson.
	Paul Rusch.
Camp No. 24.	Conrad Fieger.
Camp No. 38.	William Damson.
Camp No. 40.	Don L. Clement.

Taps were blown by Comrade Charles Norris.

Moved by Comrade Stein of No. 16, supported by Comrade Hopper of No. 10, that Comrade Munroe of No. 24 and Comrade Hunt of No. 31, be seated as delegates in this convention. Carried.

The Department Commander announced that the Encampment would proceed to elect Department Officers for the ensuing year, and appointed Comrades Dubridge of No. 3 and Potter of No. 9 as Tellers.

On calling the roll the following Comrades were present and entitled to a seat and vote in this Encampment.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND STAFF.

Department Commander, Oscar E. Kilstrom, Camp No. 3.
Senior Vice Commander, Geo. W. Trickey, Camp No. 32.
Junior Vice Commander, John A. Sibley, Camp No. 10.
Chief of Staff, W. G. Ward, Camp No. 31.
Adjutant, Frank H. Presley, Camp No. 40.
Quartermaster, Oscar E. Achard, Camp No. 24.
Inspector, Ambrose Talmage, Camp No. 22.
Surgeon, Clyde F. Karshner, Camp No. 31.

Marshal, Joseph Westnedge, Camp No. 16.
Historian, Jno. L. Burkart, Camp No. 31.
Assistant Quartermaster, R. A. Best, Camp No. 3.
Patriotic Instructor, A. H. Gansser, Camp No. 1.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Henry W. Busch, Camp No. 9.
John Considine, Camp No. 10.
Fred R. Schmalzriedt, Camp No. 5.

DELEGATES OF CAMPS.

Camp No. 3.	Leonard A. Lawson.
	Geo. Dubridge.
	John Stellema.
	Wm. J. Emery.
	John Tremble.
	Frederick A. York.
	R. A. Best.
Camp No. 5.	John A. Mackey.
	Geo. A. Dick.
	Wm. Yagerman.
	Frank M. Langdon.
Camp No. 8.	Wm. Dushablon.
Camp No. 9.	Frank Potter.
	Wm. W. Watson.
	Thos. W. Payne.
	Lewis Thal.
Camp No. 10.	Herman Binder.
	John F. Atkinson.
	Harry S. Starkey.
	Louis W. Kunze.
	Jas. S. Hopper.
	Thos. H. Reynolds.
	Daniel Pitcher.
	Marshall M. Jackson.
	W. P. Monahan.
Camp No. 16.	Fred. A. Appledorn.
	Fred. J. Busch.
	Geo. Talsma.
	Jas. A. Warrick.
	Gus. L. Stein.
	Derk P. Yonkerman.

	R. G. Spoor.
	Edward D. Fisher.
	Don. C. Ingraham.
	Fred. J. Dorsey.
	J. M. Alexander.
Camp No. 19.	Henry Hunt.
	Sidney S. Heywood.
	F. D. Davenport.
	Silas Breitmayer.
	H. W. Johnson.
	Alexander Carpe.
Camp No. 22.	Fred. C. Van Antwerp.
	W. H. King.
Camp No. 23.	H. I. Knapp.
Camp No. 24.	Earl Munroe.
Camp No. 31.	M. M. Daniels.
	F. A. Ashley.
	Ernest A. Hunt.
Camp No. 32.	Chas. Lincoln.
	W. A. Mowrer.
	Ben Clay.
	Austin C. Ruggles.
	Frank Davey.
Camp No. 38.	John Van Lente.
Camp No. 39.	Donald McKinley.
Camp No. 40.	Chas. S. Norris.
Camp No. 41.	Chas. E. Green.
	Neil Van Kampen.

Moved by Comrade Considine of No. 10, supported by Comrade Reynolds of No. 10, that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and the seconding speeches be limited to two minutes. Carried.

Comrade Payne of No. 9, placed in nomination the name of Comrade George A. Dick of No. 5, for Department Commander.

Comrade Derk P. Yonkerman of No. 16, placed in nomination the name of Comrade Don C. Ingraham of No. 16 for Department Commander.

Comrade F. A. Ashley of No. 31, placed in nomination the name of Comrade George W. Trickey of No. 32, Sr. Vice Dept. Comdr., for Department Commander.

Moved by Comrade Gansser of No. 1, supported by Comrade Norris of No. 40, that the rules be suspended for five minutes to receive the committee from the Daughters of the G. A. R. Carried.

Mesdames Carrie Parke Boggs, National Commander-in-Chief of the Daughters of the G. A. R., Belle Strong Beadle, Commander of Detroit Fortress No. 1, and Della Gregory Robinson were announced by the Marshal. They were escorted to the platform, where they were received and welcomed by the Department Commander in behalf of the Department. They responded in a very creditable manner and Jr. Vice Dept. Commander John A. Sibley was authorized by the Department Commander to present them with the official badges of the Encampment, after which they retired amid hearty cheers of the comrades.

The Department then proceeded to the regular order of business.

The following seconding speeches were made for the nominees for Department Commander.

Comrade Brietmayer of No. 19, for George A. Dick of No. 5.
Comrade Stein of No. 16, for Don C. Ingraham of No. 16.
Comrade Lincoln of No. 32, for George W. Trickey of No. 32.
Comrade Schmalzreidt of No. 5, for George A. Dick of No. 5.
Comrade Mackey of No. 5, for George A. Dick of No. 5.
Comrade Finney of No. 10, for George A. Dick of No. 5.
Comrade York of No. 3, for George W. Trickey of No. 32.
Comrade Atkinson of No. 10, for George A. Dick of No. 5.
Comrade Knapp of No. 23, for George W. Trickey of No. 32.

Moved by Past Dept. Comdr. Considine of No. 10, supported by Comrade Pitcher of No. 10, that the seconding speeches be closed and the Encampment proceed to the election of Department Commander. Carried.

The ballot was cast for the office of Department Commander and the tellers announced the following result:

Total number of votes cast 73 of which

George W. Trickey received 32;
George A. Dick received 26;
Don C. Ingraham received 15.

The Department Commander announced "no choice" and ordered a new ballot spread.

Comrade Don C. Ingraham withdrew his name as a candidate.

The tellers announced the following result on the second ballot:

Total number of votes cast 73 of which

George A. Dick received, 39.
George W. Trickey received 34.

Moved by Comrade George W. Trickey of No. 32, supported by Comrade Oscar W. Achard of No. 24, that the vote of the entire Encampment be declared unanimous in favor of Comrade George A. Dick for the office of Department Commander. Carried.

The Department Commander announced that Comrade George W. Trickey having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment was hereby declared elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

NOMINATIONS FOR SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Comrade Spoor of No. 16, placed in nomination the name of Comrade Don C. Ingraham of No. 16, for the office of Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Sibley of No. 5, placed in nomination the name of Comrade George W. Trickey of No. 32 for the office of Senior Vice Commander.

Nominations closed.

The ballot was cast and the tellers announced the following result:

Total number of votes cast 72 of which

George W. Trickey received 39;
Don C. Ingraham received 33.

The Department Commander announced that George W. Trickey having received a majority of all the votes cast was hereby declared elected to the office of Sr. Vice Dept. Commander for the ensuing year.

Moved by Comrade Ingraham of No. 15, supported by Comrade Yonkerman of No. 16 that the vote of the Encampment be made unanimous in favor of Comrade George W. Trickey for the office of Sr. Vice Dept. Commander. Carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Comrade Burkart placed the name of Comrade Don C. Ingraham in nomination for the office of Jr. Vice Dept. Commander.

Nominations closed.

Moved by Comrade Sibley of No. 10, and supported by Comrade Schmalzreidt of No. 5, that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast the vote of the entire Encampment for Don C. Ingraham for the office of Jr. Vice Dept. Commander. Carried.

The Department Commander announced that Comrade Don C. Ingraham having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment was hereby declared elected to the office of Jr. Vice Dept. Commander for the ensuing year.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Comrade Mackey of No. 5, placed the name of Comrade Gansser of No. 1, in nomination for the office of Department Inspector.

Comrade Gansser of No. 1, placed the name of Comrade Talmage of No. 22 in nomination for the office of Department Inspector.

Comrade Gansser withdrew his name.

Moved by Comrade Considine of No. 10, supported by Comrade Norris of No. 40, that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant cast the vote of the entire Encampment for Comrade Talmage for the office of Department Inspector. Carried.

The Department Commander announced that Comrade Talmage having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment was hereby declared elected Department Inspector for the ensuing year.

NOMINATIONS FOR JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Comrade Spoor of No. 16, placed the name of Comrade J. M. Alexander in nomination for the office of Department Judge Advocate.

Nominations closed.

Moved by Comrade McKinley of No. 39, supported by Comrade Van Kampen of No. 41, that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast the vote of the entire Encampment for Comrade J. M. Alexander for the office of Department Judge Advocate. Carried.

The Department Commander announced that Comrade Alexander having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment, is hereby declared elected Department Judge Advocate for the ensuing year.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT SURGEON.

Comrade Hunt of No. 31, placed the name of Comrade Clyde F. Karshner of No. 31, in nomination for the office of Department Surgeon.

Nominations closed.

Moved by Comrade VanLente of No. 38, supported by Comrade King of No. 22, that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant instructed to cast the vote of the entire Encampment for Comrade Clyde F. Karshner for the office of Department Surgeon. Carried.

The Department Commander announced that Comrade Karshner having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment is hereby declared elected Department Surgeon for the ensuing year.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT MARSHAL.

Comrade Gansser of No. 1, placed the name of Comrade George A. Loud of No. 1, in nomination for the office of Department Marshal.

Nominations closed.

Moved by Comrade Langdon of No. 5, supported by Comrade Achard of No. 24, that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast the vote of the entire Encampment for Comrade Loud for the office of Department Marshal. Carried.

The Department Commander announced that Comrade Loud having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment, is hereby declared elected Department Marshal for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Delegates to the National Encampment at Scranton, Pa., August 30 to September 2, 1915.

Comrade Gansser of No. 1, nominated Comrade J. H. Boyer of No. 19.

Comrade Van Lente of No. 39, nominated Comrade Martin VanderBie, No. 39.

Comrade Knapp of No. 32, nominated Comrade Van Antwerp of No. 22.
Comrade Busch of No. 5, nominated Comrade Potter of No. 9.

Moved by Comrade Kunze of No. 10, supported by Comrade Tremble of No. 3, that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant be instructed to cast the entire vote of the Encampment for the above named nominees as Delegates to the National Convention. Carried.

The Department Commander announced that the four comrades named above, having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment they are hereby declared elected Delegates to the National Encampment.

Moved by Comrade Gansser of No. 1, supported by Comrade Starkey of No. 10, that the rules be suspended and that the incoming Department Com-

mander be authorized to appoint the Alternates at large for the National Encampment. Carried.

The Auditing Committee made the following report:

To the Twelfth Annual Department Encampment of Michigan, United Spanish War Veterans:

Your Auditing Committee would respectfully report that we have examined the books of the Department Adjutant and Quartermaster; have checked the records of receipts and disbursements, including those for supplies, as well as the supplies on hand, and find the same correct as stated in the report of said officers and recommend their adoption.

Cash balance on hand.....	$5 83
Supplies on hand.....	82 70

The committee would especially commend Department Adjutant Frank H. Presley and Quartermaster O. W. Achard for the efficient and business-like manner in which they have conducted the affairs of their respective offices; the books and records were found to be in splendid condition, every detail having been carefully and promptly executed.

Signed:
FRED A. ASHLEY, No. 31,
CLYDE F. KARSHNER, No. 31,
GUS. L. STEIN, No. 16,
Auditing Committee.

Moved by Comrade Binder of No. 10, supported by Comrade Mackey of No. 5, that the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted as read and adopted and ordered printed in the proceedings of the Encampment. Carried.

Report of the Department Patriotic Instructor.

Your Patriotic Instructor, elected at Jackson last year, with the assistance of the Department Commander, through orders, tried his best to have the individual camps of Michigan, name Camp Patriotic Instructors, as required by our National Laws and Regulations.

As far as we know, Lawton No. 1, of Bay City was the only one to comply with this law, and Lawton Camp found it very helpful in every way.

One of our fundamental duties is the teaching of the rising generation of patriotism and good citizenship, and your patriotic instructor is the medium for that work.

Heretofore there has been no one particularly entrusted with this work, and we trust each camp will name a Patriotic Instructor the coming year, naming the very best man for that place, as they always do in the G. A. R.,

because this officer in the line of duty comes in constant touch with the general public, the public schools, and must be a leader among men to accomplish the greatest good to the greatest number.

No camp report from any Patriotic Instructor having been received the past year, can only say that the one at Bay City visited all of the Parochial and Public Schools during the year; saw to it that Lawton Camp took a leading part in the exercises of Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln and McKinley, and in every other way endeavored to fulfill the duties of his office.

Let each camp go home and name their best man for the same good work the coming year.

Faithfully as ever,
A. H. GANSSER,
Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

Kalamazoo, June 17, 1915.

MEMORANDA: When the above report was submitted, Comrade Kilstrom reported Camp No. 3; Comrade Talmadge, Camp No. 22; Comrade Trickey, Camp No. 32; Comrade Appledorn, Camp No. 16; Comrade MacIntosh, Camp No. 23; and the several Detroit Camps also reported having each a live Camp Patriotic Instructor, but none had sent in an official report as required by our Rules and Regulations. However, let them keep up the good work, and get good results, for these are the essentials. The annual report is merely official notice to our comrades of your good work and required for our official record.

Faithfully, A. H. Gansser, D. P. I.

Moved by Comrade Yonkerman of No. 16, supported by Comrade Burkart of No. 31, that the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor be accepted as read, placed on file and ordered printed in the Department proceedings. Carried.

The Committee on Resolutions made the following Report.

Resolution No. 1.—This Department in convention assembled extends to the citizens and press of Kalamazoo its heartfelt appreciation of the generous hospitality extended to us. We still cherish the memories of your entertainment in 1908, and this year will add another link to the chain that binds us to Kalamazoo in Comradeship and friendship.

Resolution No. 2.—We extend to the Department Commander and Comrades of Michigan G. A. R. our sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended to us at this reunion and hope that we may meet you all again at Bay City in 1916, and the same greeting and courtesy is also cordially extended to the Sons of Veterans of Michigan.

Resolution No. 3.—We extend to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of the G. A. R. and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Spanish War Veterans our appreciation of many kindnesses and courtesies extended during this reunion, and hope that we may have the honor and pleasure of meeting with them for many years to come.

Resolution No. 4.—We extend to our Comrades of Westnedge Camp No. 16 of Kalamazoo, our sincere appreciation of their loyalty, their comradeship and ability as entertainers, For every comfort and convenience enjoyed by us as their guests, we shall treasure a memory that will endure while life lasts. May they ever prosper as individuals and as a camp.

Resolution No. 5.—That this Department through a Legislative Committee of five, and the active cooperation of every officer and comrade, take steps forthwith to assure favorable action on Michigan's debt of honor to the boys of '98, by having the balance due on the Soldiers' Relief Fund paid by the next Legislature, and to also urge the passage of all laws of especial benefit to our comrades, our organization, and for the National Defense, and for the admission of our widows and orphans to the Soldiers' Home, as now granted to the G. A. R.

Resolution No. 6.—That our Legislative Committee, officers and comrades unite in an earnest effort with the next National Congress to have passed the pension law for our widows and orphans. The last two sessions have ignored this very fair and equitable proposition, and it will require the membership in our organization of every eligible comrade, and our united active support, to secure for us Legislation of inestimable benefit to us all, both at Washington and Lansing.

Resolution No. 7.—That our Department and our Legislative Committee insist that the Spanish War Veterans be represented at all times upon the Boards of Control of Michigan's Soldier's Home, the State Military Board, the Military Museum Board, and the several City and County Soldiers Relief and Burial Commissions and Boards, and that they endeavor to secure the Soldier's Memorial Building at Lansing, as a home for all of Michigan's Military offices and records, and as a lasting tribute to the men who gave their lives that this nation might live, a light of hope for humanity the world over, and that they labor for the enforcement of State and National Civil Service laws favoring our veterans.

Resolution No. 8.—We renew the recommendation that each camp pay the actual expenses of its delegates to our Department Encampments, so that all camps will be fully represented, and that our Department Commander or his representative attend our National Encampment each year, accompanied by Michigan's Department flags.

Resolution No. 9.—That we meet jointly with the G. A. R. and kindred patriotic organizations at Bay City in 1916, and so continue the cordial relations established for our mutual benefit and pleasure at Lansing, in 1913, Jackson in 1914 and Kalamazoo in 1915.

Resolution No. 10.—That we encourage the organization and maintenance of Ladies Auxiliaries for our Order everywhere, for they have proven at this very Encampment a source of help and joy to us all, and their work must be a help to every local camp.

Resolution No. 11.—That we extend to our Department officers and committee members who served us so faithfully and well during the past year, our sincere appreciation, and we also extend our heartfelt thanks to Comrades Walter, Fitzgibbon and Gansser of the State Senate, and Comrade Oakley of the House, for their loyal and efficient help in the Legislature of 1915, and do bespeak for them new honors and new responsibilities in the years to come.

Resolution No. 12.—That we cordially invite and urge the several Regimental Reunions of Michigan's boys of '98 to meet jointly with our annual encampment at Bay City in 1916 and every year thereafter.

Resolution No. 13.—That we approve and indorse the spirit of fun and comraderie of our Military Order of the Serpent and lend them every encouragement and aid in our power in the years to come, for mutual benefit.

Resolution No. 14.—That in the spirit of military promotions by merit and seniority, and for the good of our Department, we establish the custom of the G. A. R. and similar National Organizations, the promotion each year of the Junior Vice Department Commander to Senior Vice Department Commander, and the Senior Vice Department Commander to Department Commander, and that candidates for such offices shall be limited to Past Camp Commanders, and chosen according to their record of service for this Department in its annual reunions and otherwise.

Resolution No. 15.—That we endorse the work of our Comrade, Dr. John L. Burkart of Big Rapids, as Secretary of the State Board of Health, and particularly recommend him for securing the appropriation of $100,000.00 for special work against our common enemy, tuberculosis and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Governor W. N. Ferris at Lansing.

Resolution No. 16.—That we recommend our present Department Commander, Oscar E. Kilstrom be endorsed to fill the next vacancy on the Board of Managers of the Michigan Soldier's Home, believing that the U. S. W. V. are entitled to representation on all boards having in any manner jurisdiction over our Comrades who by reason of disabilities are compelled to seek the protection of the home, and we further recommend that a copy of these resolutions, embodying also an endorsement of the able and efficient

management of the affairs of the Home by Commandant W. T. McGurrin, be sent to Gov. W. N. Ferris at Lansing.

Moved by Comrade Atkinson of No. 10, supported by Comrade Heywood of No. 19, that the resolutions be taken up separately, discussed and acted upon. Carried.

Upon motion the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16.

Upon motion Resolution No. 14 was rejected.

Moved by Comrade Monroe of No. 24, supported by Comrade Dushablom of No. 8, that the resolutions be placed on file and ordered printed in the proceedings of the Encampment. Carried.

Selection of location for the Thirteenth Annual Department Encampment.

Moved by Comrade Gansser of No. 1, supported by Comrade Binder of No. 10 that the next Annual Department Encampment be held in Bay City, Mich., at the time of the G. A. R. and kindred Organizations Encampments. Carried.

Installation of Department Officers.

Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Henry W. Busch of No. 9, installed the following Department Officers elect and appointive:

George A. Dick, Department Commander.
George W. Trickey, Senior Vice Department Commander.
Don C. Ingraham, Junior Vice Department Commander.
Ambrose Talmage, Department Inspector.
J. M. Alexander, Department Judge Advocate.
August H. Gansser, Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

Upon motion, a rising vote of thanks was tendered to Commander Fred A. Appledorn of Camp No. 16 and his Camp for their untiring efforts to make the 12th Annual Department Encampment a success from every standpoint.

Comrade Thos. H. Reynolds of No. 10, supported by Comrade Ashley of No. 31, moved that a unanimous vote of thanks of this Encampment be tendered to the retiring Department Officers for their excellent administration. Carried.

No further business appearing the 12th Annual Department Encampment,

Department of Michigan, U. S. W. V. closed in due form at 12:45 P. M. June 18, 1915.

Official:

FRANK H. PRESLEY, Dept. Adjutant.

OSCAR E, KILSTROM, Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1, SERIES 1914-15.

Lansing, Mich., July 1, 1914.

Having been elected Department Commander of Michigan U. S. W. V. at Jackson, Michigan, June 19, 1914, I hereby assume command.

The following appointive officers will stand relieved from duty:

Chief of Staff	Oscar E. Kilstrom	Camp No. 3
Department Adjutant	John L. Burkart	Camp No. 31
Department Quartermaster	James L. McCormick	Camp No. 1
Department Inspector	E. W. Minier	Camp No. 31
Department Judge Advocate	Chas. H. Chapman	Camp No. 34
Department Surgeon	Dr. James L. Passmore	Camp No. 24
Department Historian	Fred R. Schmalzriedt	Camp No. 5
Department Chaplain	Rev. J. W. Thomas	Camp No. 3
Department Ass't Adj	Eli V. R. Falardeau	Camp No. 31

The Headquarters of this Department are hereby established at Lansing, Michigan, where all communications will be addressed to the Department Adjutant, Frank H. Presley, Lansing, Michigan, care of the Masonic Temple.

The following elective and appointive officers are hereby announced for the year ending July 1, 1915.

Department Commander	Oscar E. Kilstrom	Grand Rapids
Senior Vice Dept. Commander	George W. Trickey	Three Rivers
Junior Vice Dept. Commander	John Sibley	Detroit
Department Chief of Staff	W. G. Ward	Big Rapids
Department Adjutant	Frank H. Presley	Lansing
Department Quartermaster	Oscar W. Achard	Saginaw
Department Inspector	Ambrose Talmage	Coldwater
Department Judge Advocate	Frank H. Blackman	Jackson
Department Surgeon	Clyde F. Karshner	Big Rapids
Department Marshal	Jos. Westnedge	Kalamazoo
Department Historian	John L. Burkart	Lansing
Department Chaplain	Rev. John T. Thomas	Grand Rapids

Department Asst. Adjutant.....Walter J. Hasse.....Lansing
Department Asst. Quartermaster.....Chas. J. Smith.....Grand Rapids
Department Patriotic Instructor.....A. H. Gansser.....Bay City

The retiring Department Adjutant will turn over all Department property, supplies, records, books and funds in his possession, to his successor, Comrade Frank H. Presley, taking his receipt and submitting an inventory for same.

The retiring Department Quartermaster will turn over all books, records and funds in bank that he may have on hand in his possession to his successor in office, Comrade O. W. Achard, Saginaw, Michigan, taking his receipt and submitting an inventory of same.

The Semi-Annual Reports of Camp Adjutants and Quartermasters for the term ending June 30, 1914, and the tax for the term ending Dec. 31, 1914, are now due, and must reach the Department Adjutant not later than July the 31st, 1914, in order to enable him to make prompt report to National Headquarters and liquidate some outstanding accounts pertaining to the recent Annual State Encampment at Jackson, Michigan, June 17, 18, and 19th, 1914.

The Department Commander congratulates this Department upon the success of the recent Encampment and the healthy and material growth in membership and expects that every effort will be made by the Camps in this Department to increase their membership and present at the next Annual Encampment a membership of at least 2,000 out of an available 3,500.

Prompt attention to the required reports and tax from Camp Officers will facilitate the business of the Department, make possible the expenditures of some small sum for the development of weak Camps and organization of new Camps and excite an enthusiastic interest in our Order throughout the State.

By Order of
OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Official:
FRANK H. PRESLEY,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2,
SERIES 1914-15.

Lansing, Mich., October 22, 1914.

1. The following appointments of Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

George A. Cobb.....Camp No. 1, Bay City.
Fred C. Whitney.....Camp No. 3, Grand Rapids.
Carl G. Trebein.....Camp No. 5, Detroit.
Jerome C. Finn.....Camp No. 6, Adrian.
Dr. Victor C. Vaughan.....Camp No. 7, Ann Arbor.
Bert J. Nickels.....Camp No. 8, Monroe.
Bert Logan.....Camp No. 9, Detroit.
Charles W. Scarlett.....Camp No. 10, Detroit.
George J. Hassett.....Camp No. 14, Alpena.
Fred A. Appledorn.....Camp No. 16, Kalamazoo.
Albert W. Flint.....Camp No. 17, Detroit.
Silas T. Brietmayer.....Camp No. 19, Jackson.
George J. Lukes.....Camp No. 20, Flint.
Antone F. Embs.....Camp No. 21, Escanaba.
N. C. Kimball.....Camp No. 22, Coldwater.
Otto Kyselka.....Camp No. 23, Traverse City.
Michael J. Quinn.....Camp No. 24, Saginaw.
William C. Peters.....Camp No. 25, Port Huron.
John Stanton.....Camp No. 28, Houghton.
Sam L. Snyder.....Camp No. 29, Manistee.
Charles L. McCormick.....Camp No. 31, Big Rapids.
Austin C. Ruggles.....Camp No. 32, Three Rivers.
John B. Boucher.....Camp No. 33, Cheboygan.
Robert J. Bates.....Camp No. 34, Sault Ste. Marie.
S. M. Campbell.....Camp No. 35, Owosso.
John P. Peterman.....Camp No. 36, Calumet.
Frank G. Jenks.....Camp No. 37, Marquette.
John H. Van Lente.....Camp No. 38, Holland.
Colin T. Lawson.....Camp No. 39, Grand Rapids.
Charles S. Norris.....Camp No. 40, Lansing.
Roy E. Ashley.....Camp No. 41, Muskegon.

DISTRICT INSPECTORS.

2. The following appointments of District Inspectors are hereby announced:

District No. 1.....F. J. Heike, Flint.
District No. 2.....John L. Waite, Grand Rapids.
District No. 3.....Frank H. Langdon, Detroit.
District No. 4.....Chas. G. Ismon, Jackson.
District No. 5.....Joseph V. McIntosh, Traverse City.
District No. 6.....John MacNaughton, Calumet.

NATIONAL AIDES-DE-CAMP TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

3. The following appointments of National Aides-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced:

John L. Burkart.....Lansing.
Frederick L. Eaton.....Saginaw.
Alex. P. Boppre.....Detroit.
R. G. Spoor.....Kalamazoo.
Jas. W. Rhoades.....Manistee.
Irving W. Knapp.....Monroe.
Ernest A. Hunt.....Big Rapids.
Charles H. Chapman.....Sault Ste. Marie.
Charles Lincoln.....Three Rivers.
Herman R. Woltman.....Holland.
Earle W. Rumsey.....Grand Rapids.
William L. Walz.....Ann Arbor.
Fred W. Hanneman.....Flint.
George H. Osborne.....Houghton.
Geo. Dubridge.....Grand Rapids.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

4. All communications of an official nature should be addressed to Frank H. Presley, Department Adjutant, care Masonic Temple, Lansing, Michigan.

5. It is perhaps unnecessary to state that the General Orders we publish are deserving of a better fate, but, information brought to our notice leads us to understand that the "waste basket" has, in many cases, caught our publication before it is read. It was therefore seed that has fallen upon stony ground and unproductive of fruit. We can only deplore this and bring the matter before the attention of the Adjutants, to whom the General Orders are invariably addressed, to exercise more care, and make special efforts to get copies into the hands of every comrade connected with their Camps. There are many comrades who do not have an opportunity of attending the

meetings of their Camp, but nevertheless have the best interests of their Camp at heart and about the only medium they can get information from pertaining to the Department, is through the General Orders.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

6. Department Headquarters is very anxious that each Camp in the Department receive an official visit during the coming year.

Owing to the limited time it will be impossible for the Department Commander to visit all the Camps, but Camp Commanders are requested to immediately write the Department Adjutant, selecting a date that will be of the most benefit to the Camp. Where the Department Commander cannot make the visit a Department Officer will be detailed to represent him. *Also give dates of meeting nights.*

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

7. At the 11th National Encampment the publication of the Spanish War Review was discontinued and the American Standard designated as the Official Organ of the U. S. W. V. The first two pages of this paper will contain General Orders and will be devoted to the Official News of the U. S. W. V. In addition to this all news of Camp interest will be published if space permits.

National Headquarters will subscribe for a copy to be furnished each Camp Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster. All Camps are urged to subscribe to the paper, which will be furnished at $.20 per year where entire Camps subscribe, individual subscriptions will be $.50 per year.

The need of an official organ is obvious, and these headquarters, therefore, strongly urge the support of this paper. By the abolition of the Review the additional tax of $.20 per year will be dropped and as heretofore (unless otherwise ordered by the National Headquarters) the National Per Capita Tax will be $.25 per year commencing January 1, 1915.

1914 PROCEEDINGS.

8. Comrades who desire a copy of the proceedings of the 11th Annual Encampment, held at Jackson, June 17th to 19th, may obtain one by making application to the Department Adjutant, enclosing ten cents to cover the cost and postage. There are about 50 copies left for distribution.

9. The Adjutants are urged to report the death of every comrade and we will be glad to publish the record under "Taps" in the General Orders.

10. Comrades, the summer is over. Every man should start out and work for the good of the organization. There are many comrades who are not members in good standing. Every man should make it his duty to see that every eligible comrade is a member of the organization and that the falter-

ing ones are again brought into the Camp. If any comrade knows of an eligible comrade he should report his name to the Camp Commander and endeavor to bring him into the Camp. Camps that have suspended or dropped members that have moved to some other city should notify the Camp Commander of the Camp in that City and have them bring the comrade back into the organization. A member away from his own camp is prone to allow himself to become suspended or dropped and may become a live hustling member in his new community if the comrades in that community will arouse his interest again. The Department Commander will ask for the names and addresses of every suspended or dropped member so that he can write them personal letters. All Camps should send in their lists promptly and then proceed to bring the comrades back into the fold. With the help of the comrades this Department will be the banner department of the organization. Every comrade do his duty.

By Order of
OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Official:
FRANK H. PRESLEY,
Department Adjutant.

To be read, filed and acknowledged.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3,
SERIES 1914-15.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 15, 1914.

1. The following appointments of District Inspectors are hereby announced to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Comrade F. J. Heike, Flint, Mich., and Chas. G. Ismon.

District No. 1.....George J. Lukes, 834 MacFarlane St., Flint, Mich.

District No. 4.....E. A. Finney, Jackson, Mich.

2. The following National Countersign is hereby promulgated for impartation to all Comrades in good standing.

16—28—10—5—8—25—16—3

3. The following Department Countersign is hereby promulgated for impartation to all comrades in good standing.

22—29—24—29—5—28

4. The Annual Election of Camp Officers occurs on the first meeting night in December. Camp Commanders' attention is called to Sections 3, 4, 5, and 9 Article VIII., Part V., of the Rules and Regulations.

5. Great care should be taken in selecting comrades to fill offices. Only

those showing ability and who are willing to attend regularly should be elected. Commanders are requested to be exceptionally careful in filling appointive offices, especially those of Camp Adjutant and Camp Quartermaster, as those officers are most essential to the welfare of the Camps and of the Organization at large.

6. Semi-annual reports of Camp Adjutants and Quartermasters for six months ending December 31st, 1914, should be rendered promptly at the end of the year and forwarded so as to reach these Headquarters not later than January 5th, 1915.

SPECIAL BLANK FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE are mailed with this G. O No. 3 to Camp Adjutants.

7. National and Department per capita tax for six months ending June 30, 1915, will be due at the close of this year. As the assessment for the Spanish War Review has been discontinued, this will make twenty-five cents due for each member in good standing on December 31, 1914. Twelve and one-half cents for National Headquarters and twelve and one-half cents for Department Headquarters.

8. I again urge each Camp to subscribe for the American Standard for the ensuing year at 20c per member, furnishing the Department Adjutant, Lansing, Mich., with a complete mailing list in duplicate of the membership of their respective camps, in order that each comrade may receive the Official Organ of the U. S. W. V. Camp Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters will be furnished copies free.

9. Pursuant to action taken by our National Encampment, the duties of the Department Patriotic Instructor and his Administrative Bureau, are set down as follows:

(a) He shall be Chief of the Department Administrative Bureau of Patriotic Instruction.

(b) He shall supervise the work of Patriotic Instruction and of the Patriotic Instructors of the Camps of this Department, and see that all directions received from the National Patriotic Instructor and the Department Commander in regard to important constructive work of his Bureau are faithfully carried out.

(c) He shall furnish to the Department Commander just prior to the time for holding the stated convention of the Department Encampment a report in writing, which shall consist of a consolidation of the reports rendered to him by the Patriotic Instructors of the work in Patriotic Instruction accomplished by the Camps during his term of office, and shall forward a copy thereof to the National Patriotic Instructor thirty days prior to the stated convention of the National Encampment. He shall in-

clude in his report such observations and recommendations as in his judgment will be of value in the work of patriotic instruction.

(d) The Camp Patriotic Instructors shall endeavor to secure the introduction of patriotic instruction in the schools, and to encourage the proper observance of Memorial Day and Flag Day, and all other patriotic Holidays. He shall endeavor to inculcate both by precept and example principles of patriotism and loyalty in the youth of our land, and implant in their minds, love of Country, respect for the Flag, and a determination to preserve and transmit to posterity the priceless blessings of liberty and equality before the law, and make due report of his year's work to the Department Patriotic Instructor at least 10 days before the Annual Department Encampment convenes.

Pursuant to these constitutional provisions, every Camp in Michigan is urged to elect a Patriotic Instructor at the coming elections and see that his work is thoroughly done.

10. As this is the last Department Order which will be issued before Christmas, I take the opportunity to extend Holiday Greetings to all Comrades and their beloved families.

By Order of
OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Official:
FRANK H. PRESLEY,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4,
SERIES 1914-15.

Lansing, Mich., May 12, 1915.

1. A proper observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1915, is expected of all Camps in this Department and I strongly urge each Camp to adopt resolutions to this effect at the Regular Meeting in May and to make every effort to have same endorsed by all patriotic, fraternal and other organizations, churches, schools, etc., in their community.

2. The Twelfth Annual Encampment of this Department will convene at the Hotel Burdick, Kalamazoo, Mich., June 16, 17, and 18, 1915, and the following information is published for the guidance of all concerned. Every Camp should be represented.

a. Department Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Burdick and will be open from 9:00 A. M. till 12:30 P. M., on June 16th, for the presentation of credentials. After that time all credentials will be presented in the Hall assigned to the Department.

b. The following comrades will constitute the Committee on Credentials: F. H. Presley, Department Adjutant, John L. Burkart, Past Department Adjutant and Comrade Thurlow Pope of Camp No. 40.

c. The Department Inspector and the Assistant Department Adjutant will report to the Department Adjutant immediately upon arrival. The Department Color Bearers will report to the Department Adjutant at Department Headquarters at Hotel Burdick.

d. The Department Bugler will report to the Department Adjutant at Convention Hall, Hotel Burdick at 12:45 P. M., June 16, 1915.

e. The following comrades are hereby detailed to assist the Department Marshal in the duties of his office: Don C. Ingraham, Jas. A. Warrick and Edward Fisher of No. 16.

f. The following committee on Auditing is hereby appointed: Comrades Fred R. Schmalzreidt, Chairman; Charles C. Isman and Gus. L. Stein.

g. The following committee on Acts and Resolutions is hereby appointed: Comrades Gansser, No. 1; Dubridge, No. 3; Chas. Greene, No. 41; VanAntwerp, No. 22; Frederick L. Eaton, No. 24. Camps or Comrades desiring to present Acts or Resolutions for the consideration of the Encampment will forward the same in duplicate, to the Department Adjutant as early as possible. They should be plainly written on one side of the paper only, and should be folded, briefed and signed on the first fold by the sender.

h. In accordance with the Rules and Regulations the Department Inspector and the Department Surgeon will render their reports to the Convention. The Department Adjutant, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Historian and Patriotic Instructor will render their reports to the Department Commander not later than June 10, 1915.

i. Delegates will wear their Delegate Badges where they can be plainly seen and the Department Marshal or his assistants may question the right to the floor of any Comrade not complying with this request.

j. Small cards will be issued to all comrades at Department Headquarters giving the Order of Business and large Placards will be placed in conspicuous places giving the same information.

3. The various Camps will elect delegates for the Convention not later than the Regular Meeting in May.

a. Attention of Camp Commanders is called to Section 2, Article 2, part 3, and Section 4, Article 10, Part 5, of the Rules and Regulations in connection and with reference to the election of delegates.

b. The number of delegates and alternates to which a Camp is entitled shall be based on the number of members in good standing on the last semi-annual report.

c. Comrades on furlough are to be considered as members in good standing in electing delegates.

d. The Department Adjutant will forward credential blanks with this General Order, to all Camp Adjutants, which must be properly filled out, signed by the Camp Commander and Adjutant, and forwarded to the Department Adjutant not later than June 5, 1915. These credentials must be made out in duplicate, one copy retained by the delegate or alternate and presented to the Credentials Committee at the time aforesaid.

e. DELINQUENT CAMPS. The following Camps, Nos. 7, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 41, are on the delinquent list, and unless all arrearages in per capita tax are paid, it will be necessary to recommend suspension. No credentials for the encampment will be issued to any comrade whose camp is in arrears.

4. Camp Commanders are requested to conform to the Rules and Regulations by having all orders and communications from National and Department Headquarters read before the Camp, in order that all comrades may be conversant with all matters pertaining to the Organization.

The Department Commander announces with sincere regret the failure of the passage of Senate Bill No. 115, introduced by Comrade Senator Walter providing for payment of sick, hospital and nursing bills incurred after coming home in 1898-1899. The bill passed the Senate; sent to the House and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, who would not report it out after great urging and pleading by the Governor, department officers and comrades throughout the state. This committee consisted of Represenatives

Dana H. Hinkley of Petoskey,
Wm. F. Nank of Mt. Clemens,
Jas. D. Jerome of Detroit,
A. D. Edwards of Houghton,
Henry Croll of Beaverton,
Wayne R. Rice of White Cloud,
C. Wesley Kemmerling of Monroe,
L. J. Wolcott of Albion.

This list is published for information of Comrades so that they may know who were responsible for the defeat of this meritorious measure.

The sincere thanks of this Department is hereby tendered Comrades Gansser, Walter, and Fitzgibbon of the Senate, and Oakley of the House of Representatives, for the very energetic and persistent efforts made to secure the enactment of the bill in question.

By Order of

OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Official:
FRANK H. PRESLEY,
Department Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

SERIES 1914-15.
GENERAL ORDER NO. 5,

Lansing, Mich., June 26, 1915.

1. The semi-annual per capita tax for the term ending June 30, 1915, must be forwarded to these Headquarters on or before July 25, 1915. The amounts to be forwarded are as follows: National Per Capita Tax 12½ cents; Department Per Capita Tax 12½ cents, on all members in good standing on the roll on June 30, 1915, except those who are on furlough or are inmates of the Soldiers' Home.

2. There are, no doubt, in this Department, many worthy Comrades, who on account of the general business depression, have become delinquent. As we have all assumed a solemn obligation to assist worthy Comrades in time of need it is earnestly desired that the trustees of each Camp get in touch with every delinquent, either in person or by letter, so that no deserving Comrade shall be suspended.

3. Any Camp in arrears for reports or amounts due on July 31st shall be deemed to be delinquent and will not be entitled to representation at the National Encampment.

4. The Semi-Annual Reports of the Adjutants and Quartermasters, together with National Encampment Certificates and Credential Cards go forward with this General Order. The Credential Cards should be retained by the delegates elected by the Camps and presented at National Headquarters upon their arrival at Scranton, Pa. All Certificates should be forwarded to the Department Adjutant not later than July 25, 1915. Each Camp is entitled to one delegate for every 100 members or major fractional part thereof in good standing, except that each and every camp shall be entitled to at least one delegate or alternate.

5. As this is the last General Order which will be issued during my administration, I take occasion at this time to again express my sincere thanks to the Comrades who have so ably assisted me during the past year. In many instances their time, has been freely and unselfishly given and a proper recognition of these loyal comrades can hardly be expressed in words. My earnest desire is, that you will accord to the incoming Department Commander, Comrade George A. Dick of Hazen S. Pingree Camp No. 5, the same loyal support which you have tendered me. Let us join hands in promoting each comrade's welfare and do everything possible the coming year to strengthen our Beloved Order.

6. Visiting committee to Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids: Comrades

Simon, York and Waite of Guy V. Henry No. 3 to report to new Department Commander.

By Order of

OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Official:

FRANK H. PRESLEY,
Department Adjutant.

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS,
UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 1.
SERIES 1914-1915.

Lansing, Michigan, March 29th, 1915.

Dear Sir & Comrade:—

House and Senate Bills introduced this session.

1. Your attention is called to the following Legislative matters affecting Spanish War Veterans. Present this to your Camp at the next Meeting and adopt resolutions to be forwarded to your Representative and Senator, urging the passage of these bills.

Senate Bill No. 115 (Walter) Appropriating $30,000 for unpaid sick and disabilty claims of 1898. (Reported favorably by Military Com. of Senate, Feb. 19th. Gansser, Chairman. Now up to Ways and Means Com. of House and Senate).

Senate Bill No. 180 (Ogg) Providing for S. W. V. Monument for Campus Martius in Detroit. (Reported out favorably Feb. 21st, 1915. Now up to Ways and Means Com. of House and Senate).

House Bill No. 119, File 73 (Martz) Still in Military Com. of House. (Culver, Chairman.) This bill provides for an exemption of $1,000 from taxation on the homestead of a Spanish War Veteran, same as Mexican and Civil War Veterans. Copy of bill herewith enclosed.

Senator Gansser has just introduced Senate Bill providing for publication and distribution of Department Encampment Proceedings. The same as the State is now doing for the G. A. R. This will mean a yearly saving to the department of from $60 to $75.

Annual Muster Day—April 21st, 1915.

2. A copy of G. O. No. 18, Series 1914-15, from National Headquarters, is hereby given for your information. A strict observance of this Day is expected by all Camps in this Department.

March 1st, 1915.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 18.

1. As directed by Section 2, Article IX, Part 6, of the Rules and Regulations, the annual Muster Day will be observed on the evening of Wednesday, April 21st, when the members of each Camp will assemble in regular or special meeting to renew their pledge of allegiance to our country and its flag, and in like manner pledge themselves anew to support the principles and carry out the objects of the organization. A special effort should be made by each Camp to secure the presence of every comrade in its membership, inviting as well the presence of members of other patriotic and military organizations within reach. It is recommended that public exercises be arranged by the Camps, for the better dissemination of these patriotic exercises, and that nothing be omitted that may lend dignity and carry force to the observance of the day.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

ARTHUR C. ROGERS,
Adjutant-General.

Official:

WALTER K. PATTERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Annual Encampment—Kalamazoo, Michigan.

3. Our Annual Encampment will take place at Kalamazoo, Mich., June 16, 17 and 18th. The Department Headquarters will be at the Hotel Burdick where all Comrades will report upon their arrival. Kalamazoo is endeavoring to surpass all previous efforts towards entertainment and I trust that each Camp will send as many of their members as possible. In this connection, I desire to suggest a plan to help defray the expenses of those members of your Camp who can attend. At each meeting between now and June 15th, every member pay a small amount to a Comrade who will be sure to attend and he will act as Treasurer and use the fund to pay the expenses of the delegates, alternates and comrades in the party. The surplus, if any, to be turned back into the Camp Treasury. Guy V.

Henry, Camp No. 3, and Major John C. Durst, Camp No. 40, have already started this fund and I would be glad to see other Camps do the same.

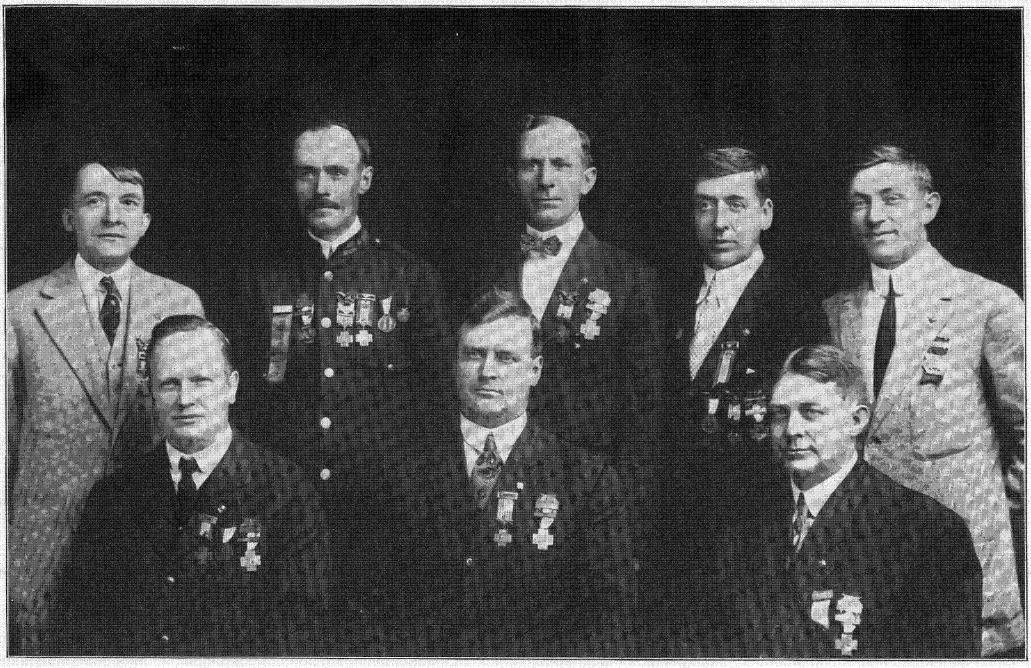
4. Camp Adjutants will read this communication at the next meeting of their respective Camps at which time, I trust that favorable action will be taken on some of the foregoing matters.

Fraternally yours,

OSCAR E. KILSTROM,
Department Commander.

Official:

FRANK H. PRESLEY,
Department Adjutant.



Reading from right to left—Upper Row: Frank H. Presley, Dept. Adjutant; Ambrose Talmage, Dept. Inspector; Robert A. Best, Ass't. Dept. Quartermaster; Oscar W. Achard, Dept. Quartermaster; August H. Gansser, Dept. Patriotic Instructor.

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